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1           [There is no reportable action as a result of the  
2           Board of Supervisors' closed session held today.]

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6   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE MEETING WILL PLEASE COME TO ORDER. THE  
7   INVOCATION WILL BE BY THE REVEREND TERRY KEENAN, SANTA ANITA  
8   CHURCH IN ARCADIA. THE PLEDGE BY FRED S. RODRIGUEZ, LIFE  
9   MEMBER OF AMERICAN G.I. FORUM, SANTA FE SPRINGS FROM THE  
10  FOURTH DISTRICT. WILL YOU PLEASE STAND?

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12 **REVEREND TERRY KEENAN:** WOULD YOU PLEASE, IF YOU WOULD, CLOSE  
13 YOUR EYES AND JOIN ME IN A BRIEF PRAYER? WE THANK YOU FOR THIS  
14 DAY, AND FOR THE OPPORTUNITIES YOU GIVE US TO DEMONSTRATE YOUR  
15 LOVE THROUGH OUR ACTIONS. WE THANK YOU FOR THIS PLACE WE LIVE,  
16 AND FOR THE CHANCES YOU GIVE US TO IMPROVE IT WITH OUR HANDS  
17 FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT AS WELL AS OURS. WE THANK YOU FOR OUR  
18 CHILDREN AND OUR PARENTS. TEACH US TO ALWAYS LOVE AND PROTECT  
19 THEM THROUGH YOUR GUIDANCE AND GRACE. IN THESE TIMES WHEN WE  
20 FACE SO MANY CHALLENGES, WHEN THERE IS LACK AND EVERYTHING  
21 COSTS MORE, HELP US TO COME TOGETHER IN PEACE TO SEEK  
22 SOLUTIONS FOR OUR COMMON GOOD. HELP US TO EXPRESS YOUR LOVE  
23 THROUGH OUR CHOICES AND DECISIONS, THAT WE MAY BRING ALL  
24 PEOPLE INTO THE DANCE OF LIFE ONE FAMILY, ONE HOLY SOURCE.



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1 TEACH US TO LIVE IN PEACE AND CELEBRATE TOGETHER IN ONE GREAT  
2 CIRCLE OF LOVE. AMEN.

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4 **FRED S. RODRIGUEZ:** PLACE YOUR HAND OVER YOUR HEARTS PLEASE AND  
5 FACE THE FLAG. [ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE ]

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AS YOU STATED, PASTOR TERRY KEENAN IS THE  
10 SENIOR MINISTER AT THE SANTA ANITA CHURCH AND IS ALSO A  
11 CHAPLAIN FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT AND  
12 THE ARCADIA POLICE DEPARTMENT. HE IS A RETIRED LOS ANGELES  
13 COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTY AND HE'S BEEN A SPOKESPERSON FOR THE  
14 COUNTY-WIDE SHERIFF'S RECRUITMENT VIDEOS, COMMERCIALS AND HAS  
15 APPEARED IN A NUMBER OF VIDEOS ON TERRORIST ACTIVITIES WHICH  
16 HAVE BEEN MADE BY THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT, LOS  
17 ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT, AND THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF  
18 INVESTIGATIONS, THE F.B.I. SO PASTOR KEENAN, THANK YOU FOR  
19 COMING DOWN AND LEADING US IN PRAYER. [ APPLAUSE ]

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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23 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. IT'S  
24 MY PLEASURE TO PRESENT A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO MR.  
25 FRED RODRIGUEZ. HE IS A LIFE MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN G.I. FORUM



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1 IN SANTA FE SPRINGS AND PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF VETERANS IN  
2 COMMUNITY SERVICES. HE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
3 FROM 1955 TO '59 AS AIRMAN SECOND CLASS WITH THE 11TH  
4 COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON. HE ALSO PARTICIPATED IN THE HUNGARIAN  
5 AIRLIFT. HE HAS RECEIVED THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE GOOD  
6 CONDUCT MEDAL AND THE NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL. AFTER  
7 THE MILITARY, HE ATTENDED COLLEGE BOTH AT U.S.C. AND  
8 PEPPERDINE. HE LIVES IN THE GREAT CITY OF WHITTIER AND HAS  
9 LIVED IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT FOR OVER 20 YEARS. HE'S MARRIED  
10 WITH THREE CHILDREN. SO ON BEHALF MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES,  
11 WE'D LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COME DOWN  
12 AND LEAD US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [ APPLAUSE ]

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14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE  
15 BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 4, AGENDA FOR THE  
16 MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. ON ITEM 1-D,  
17 SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THE  
18 REMAINING ITEMS, 2-D THROUGH 5-D, ARE BEFORE YOU.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY MOLINA. WITHOUT  
21 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 7, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE  
24 HOUSING AUTHORITY. ON ITEM 2-H, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT  
25 THIS ITEM BE HELD. THE REMAINING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.  
3 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 11, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1  
6 THROUGH 17. ON ITEM NUMBER 12, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND A MEMBER  
7 OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THE REMAINING  
8 ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY KNABE.  
11 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** PAGE 15, CONSENT CALENDARS -- CONSENT  
14 CALENDAR, EXCUSE ME, ITEMS 18 THROUGH 92. ON ITEM NUMBER 32,  
15 THIS ITEM SHOULD HAVE BEEN PLACED UNDER SEPARATE MATTERS AS IT  
16 NEEDS ITS OWN VOTE. SO WE WILL TAKE THIS ITEM UP AFTER WE  
17 FINISH WITH THE CONSENT CALENDAR. ON ITEM NUMBER 36, THE CHIEF  
18 EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE  
19 WEEK TO MAY 13TH, 2008.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 38, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A  
24 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 39,  
25 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS



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1 ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 48, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF  
2 THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 52, THERE'S A  
3 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM  
4 NUMBER 53, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM  
5 BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO MAY 13TH, 2008.

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, ONE WEEK.

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9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 55, THERE IS A REQUEST FROM  
10 A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 58,  
11 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS  
12 ITEM. ITEM NUMBER 59, THERE IS A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE  
13 PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 79, SUPERVISOR MOLINA  
14 VOTES "NO" ON THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 80, SUPERVISOR  
15 ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NUMBER 84,  
16 SUPERVISOR MOLINA REQUESTS THAT THE SETTLEMENT BE APPROVED  
17 TODAY BUT TO CONTINUE THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR TWO WEEKS  
18 TO MAY 20TH, 2008. ON ITEM 87, SUPERVISOR MOLINA REQUESTS THAT  
19 THE SETTLEMENT BE APPROVED TODAY BUT THE CORRECTIVE ACTION  
20 PLAN BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO MAY 13TH, 2008. AND THE  
21 REMAINING ITEMS ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY  
24 ANTONOVICH. AND WITH THE EXCEPTIONS THAT 84, THE CORRECTIVE  
25 ACTION PLAN IS CONTINUED TO?



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MAY 20TH.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MAY 20TH. AND ON 87, THE CORRECTIVE PLAN IS  
5 CONTINUED ONE WEEK. ALSO, SUPERVISOR MOLINA IS RECORDED AS  
6 "NO" ON 79. SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, WITH THOSE  
7 EXCEPTIONS.

8

9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU. ON ITEM 32, IF WE COULD GO BACK  
10 TO THIS ITEM, AND I'LL READ THE TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD. THIS  
11 IS THE TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT  
12 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE SAN GABRIEL  
13 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS ELECTION  
14 SERIES 2008, SERIES A IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO  
15 EXCEED \$22 MILLION.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.  
18 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

19

20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE NOW ON PAGE 42, ORDINANCES FOR  
21 INTRODUCTION. ON ITEMS 93 AND 94, I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE IN  
22 FOR THE RECORD. ON ITEM 93, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE AMENDING  
23 TITLE 5, PERSONNEL, OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE RELATING TO  
24 TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR THE COMMUNITY ACTION BOARD.

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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY MOLINA. WITHOUT  
2   OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM 94, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE AMENDING  
5   TITLE 6, SALARIES OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE RELATING TO  
6   THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A CERTIFICATION BONUS IN THE DEPARTMENT  
7   OF REGIONAL PLANNING.

8

9   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.  
10   WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

11

12   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** DISCUSSION ITEMS, ITEMS 95 AND 96. ON ITEM  
13   NUMBER 95, WE WILL HOLD FOR A DISCUSSION. ON ITEM NUMBER 96,  
14   THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
15   CONTINUED TO JUNE 4TH, 2008, AND THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST FROM A  
16   MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

17

18   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL HOLD IT.

19

20   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH  
21   WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING, AS  
22   INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 97-A, THERE IS A  
23   REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. 97-B.

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY BURKE, SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT  
2    OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 97-C.

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6    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY MOLINA,  
7    WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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9    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 97-D.

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11   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY MOLINA.  
12   WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

13

14   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 97-E.

15

16   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY MOLINA.  
17   WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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19   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 97-F.

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21   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY KNABE.  
22   WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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24   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 97-G.

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2    WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

3

4    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 46, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION. ON

5    ITEM CS-3, THERE IS A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO

6    HOLD THIS ITEM. THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA.

7    BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL

8    DISTRICT NUMBER ONE.

9

10   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I HAVE STARS. ALL RIGHT. THIS IS SPECIAL

11   BECAUSE WE ARE HONORING THE VERY FIRST RECIPIENT OF L.A.

12   COUNTY SUPERSTARS, THE ANNUAL EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION PROGRAM.

13   AND THIS IS A COMPONENT OF L.A. COUNTY STARS. IT'S ESPECIALLY

14   FITTING TO RECOGNIZE THESE TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS TODAY AS WE

15   JOIN THE NATION IN CELEBRATING PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION

16   WEEK. IT IS MY PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE THE 2007 L.A. COUNTY

17   SUPERSTARS. IN THE CATEGORY OF SERVICE EXCELLENCE, PLEASE

18   WELCOME THE WEB SERVICE UNIT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSOR.

19   THE TEAM, COMPRISED OF YVONNE RODRIGUEZ, DARLENE DEL PELASSIO,

20   REX HEARTLAND, AMY CHIN, HARRY LEE, AND LISA GIBB FOR CREATING

21   OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE WEBSITE THAT DIRECTS TAXPAYERS TO

22   PROPERTY TAX-RELATED INFORMATION. THIS ELIMINATED THE NEED FOR

23   TAXPAYERS TO HAVE TO CONTACT FOUR DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS IN

24   ORDER TO RECEIVE A RESPONSE TO THEIR INQUIRIES. THE TEAM ALSO

25   WROTE THEIR OWN EMAIL-BASED MONITORING SOFTWARE TO ENSURE 24-



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1 HOUR FUNCTIONALITY OF THE WEB SITE AND TO ELIMINATE PERSONAL  
2 AFTER HOURS MONITORING BY SUPPORT STAFF. CONGRATULATIONS.  
3 [APPLAUSE] THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GOOD WORK. PLEASE WELCOME  
4 DR. DAVID JACOBSON, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES,  
5 DEPARTMENT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY BUREAU, AS THE 2007  
6 INDIVIDUAL WINNER OF L.A. COUNTY SUPERSTARS IN THE CATEGORY OF  
7 WORK FORCE EXCELLENCE. MR. JACOBSON WAS THE DRIVING FORCE  
8 BEHIND THE TRANSFER OF THE DEPARTMENT'S 475,000 CASE ACCOUNTS  
9 TO THE NEW STATE DISBURSEMENT UNIT IN FURTHERANCE OF  
10 CALIFORNIA'S CHILD SUPPORT AUTOMATION PROJECT. ADDITIONALLY,  
11 HE WAS A KEY PLAYER IN THE CONVERSION OF OVER 200,000 ORANGE  
12 AND SAN DIEGO COUNTY CASES WITH MORE THAN 1 BILLION IN  
13 RECEIVABLES TO THE LOS ANGELES CHILD SUPPORT COMPUTER SYSTEM,  
14 SAVING MILLIONS IN STATE FUNDS. MR. JACOBSON IS A TRUE  
15 COLLABORATOR WHO COORDINATES THE LOS ANGELES CHILD SUPPORT  
16 CONSORTIUM. THIS IS A THREE-COUNTY GOVERNANCE SYSTEM HOSTING  
17 DATA FROM ORANGE COUNTY, SAN DIEGO, AND LOS ANGELES COUNTIES,  
18 MAKING IT THE SIXTH LARGEST CHILD SUPPORT COMPUTER OPERATION  
19 IN THE NATION. HE IS AN I.T. PROFESSIONAL WHO ADVOCATES FAMILY  
20 FIRST IN TERMS OF BOTH POLICY AND AUTOMATION. NO AUTOMATION  
21 CHALLENGE IS TOO GREAT FOR MR. JACOBSON, AND THOUSANDS OF LOS  
22 ANGELES FAMILIES BENEFIT EVERY DAY FROM HIS DEDICATION, EFFORT  
23 AND SUPERSTAR QUALITY. CONGRATULATIONS, MR. JACOBSON. [ CHEERS  
24 AND APPLAUSE ]

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU HAVE A LOT OF SUPPORTERS OUT THERE. IN  
2    THE CATEGORY OF ORGANIZATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS, THE INDIVIDUAL  
3    RECIPIENT IS SUSAN HIVAND FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL  
4    HEALTH. ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16TH, 2006, THE BUILDING HOUSING  
5    THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER SUFFERED  
6    SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE DUE TO A FIRE, AND WAS DECLARED UNUSABLE.  
7    WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE PROGRAM HEAD, DISTRICT CHIEF, AND  
8    DEPUTY DIRECTOR, MISS HIVAND ENSURED SERVICES WOULD NOT BE  
9    INTERRUPTED. TWO DAYS AFTER THE FIRE, THE CLINIC WAS OPEN FOR  
10    BUSINESS IN A TEMPORARY LOCATION. MISS HIVAND WAS INSTRUMENTAL  
11    IN ENSURING ALL STAFF KNEW WHERE TO REPORT AND FACILITATE  
12    EMERGENCY SUPPLIES TO SET UP THE TEMPORARY SPACE. THE FIRE  
13    DEVASTATED MOST OF THE STAFF. HOWEVER, MISS HIVAND WAS  
14    INSPIRATIONAL IN APPROACHING STAFF INDIVIDUALLY AND  
15    COLLECTIVELY, ENCOURAGED THEM TO LOOK AT THE SITUATION AS AN  
16    OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE SERVICE AND IMPROVE THE WAY BUSINESS  
17    WAS CONDUCTED. SHE WAS NEVER FRUSTRATED WITH MULTIPLE PROBLEMS  
18    THAT PRESENTED THEMSELVES ON A DAILY BASIS AND ACTED AS IF  
19    THERE WERE NO CHALLENGE THAT COULD NOT BE SURMOUNTED. THE END  
20    RESULT WAS STAFF BEGAN TO GIVE SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN  
21    TERMS OF ORGANIZATIONAL FLOW. THIS COLLABORATION ASSISTED IN  
22    PROVIDING NEW IDEAS ON IMPROVING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AND  
23    DOING BUSINESS IN A MORE EFFICIENT MANNER. CONGRATULATIONS,  
24    AND I WANT TO BE SURE, DID I PRONOUNCE YOUR NAME RIGHT? I DID.  
25    GOOD. CONGRATULATIONS. [ APPLAUSE ] FOR THE TEAM RECIPIENT IN



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1 THE CATEGORY OF ORGANIZATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS, PLEASE WELCOME  
2 THE EL MONTE ANNEX EMERGENCY REDEPLOYMENT/RESPONSE TEAM FROM  
3 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES AND INTERNAL SERVICES  
4 DEPARTMENT. AN EARLY MORNING FIRE AT THE D.P.S.S. EL MONTE  
5 ANNEX OFFICE ON MAY 31ST, 2007, RENDERED THE 6-STORY MULTI-  
6 TENANT FACILITY UNINHABITABLE. THIS NECESSITATED THE  
7 REEMPLOYMENT OF OVER 500 COUNTY EMPLOYEES FROM D.P.S.S.,  
8 HEALTH SERVICES, HUMAN SERVICES OPERATION OF D.P.S.S. WERE  
9 MOMENTARILY SUSPENDED. IN HOME SERVICES, THE CUSTOMER SERVICE  
10 CALL CENTER AND THE MEDI-CAL OUTREACH AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE  
11 PLAN HAD TO BE IMMEDIATELY DEVELOPED AND IMPLEMENTED TO ENSURE  
12 THAT SERVICE TO SOME OF THE MOST VULNERABLE PARTICIPANTS WERE  
13 NOT COMPROMISED. KEY STAFF FROM D.P.S.S. AND I.S.B. CAME  
14 TOGETHER ON FRIDAY, JUNE 1ST, 2007, COMMITTED TO ESTABLISHING  
15 AN ACTION PLAN WITH A GO-LIVE TIMELINE WITHIN 72 HOURS. THE  
16 PLAN WAS FULLY DEVELOPED WITH KEY STAKEHOLDERS, INCLUDING FULL  
17 NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND LOGISTIC REQUIREMENTS IN THE SPAN OF FOUR  
18 HOURS. D.P.S.S. AND I.S.D. STAFF WORKED FRIDAY, SATURDAY, AND  
19 SUNDAY, 14 HOURS A DAY, TO ACHIEVE THE DESIRED OUTCOME. AS A  
20 RESULT, THERE WERE NO INTERRUPTIONS IN SERVICES FOR ANY OF THE  
21 PARTICIPANTS. THIS COLLABORATION DEMONSTRATED THAT WORKING  
22 TOGETHER, TWO COUNTY DEPARTMENTS COULD CREATE THE BEST OF ALL  
23 WORLDS DURING AN EMERGENCY. TEAM MEMBERS INCLUDE MICHELLE  
24 CALLAHAN, JOHN ARMOR, JOEL FLORES, FRANK REYES, WALDO SALAZAR,  
25 MICHAEL CORNELIUS, MIKE HOLMAN, ROBERT MENGEL, EDWIN MORALES,



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1 PENNY KING-YOUNGER, LOREEN CLEVELAND, RALPH RODRIGUEZ, RICHARD  
2 BANKS, JAMES CHAPMAN, GLEN ALOPAG, NARINDER KUMAR, JOSEPH  
3 RAMBILA, RUDY RAMOS, JOHN RUDLING, GARY ECOPIAN, JOSE  
4 HERNANDEZ, DANIEL GARCIA, STEVEN GANG, AND HENRY AVINDEN.  
5 CONGRATULATIONS AND YOU DID SUCH A WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL JOB.  
6 THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. CONGRATULATIONS. LAST  
9 BUT NOT LEAST IS THE RECIPIENT FOR THE 2007 L.A. COUNTY  
10 SUPERSTARS IN THE CATEGORY OF FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY. PLEASE  
11 WELCOME THE 2007 FIRE FIGHTER TRAINEE EXAM TEAM FROM THE FIRE  
12 DEPARTMENT, THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, AND THE  
13 INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS  
14 MOTIVATED TO DELIVER AN OUTSTANDING FIRE FIGHTER TRAINEE EXAM  
15 WHILE REDUCING THE ONE MILLION EXPENSE INCURRED WITH THE 2005  
16 EXAM. SEEKING TO UTILIZE BEST PRACTICES IN RECRUITMENT AS WELL  
17 AS INFORMATION SYSTEMS, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT COLLABORATED WITH  
18 THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND THE INTERNAL SERVICES  
19 DEPARTMENT. THE CORE TEAM CONSISTED OF SIX FIRE DEPARTMENT  
20 EMPLOYEES, THREE D.H.R. EMPLOYEES, AND THREE EMPLOYEES FROM  
21 I.S.D. THE TEAM UTILIZED THEIR STRENGTH TO DEVELOP A  
22 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR RECRUITMENT AND OUTREACH, AN UPDATED  
23 WEBSITE, AN APPLICATION PROCEDURE THAT WAS NOT LIMITED BY  
24 GEOGRAPHY, AND AN EXAMINATION PROCESS THAT REDUCED COSTS BY  
25 TWO-THIRDS OF THE COSTS FROM BEFORE. BY NOT DOING BUSINESS AS



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1 USUAL, THE TEAM WAS ABLE TO APPLY NEW CONCEPTS AND TECHNIQUES  
2 TO DEVELOP SOLUTIONS AND IDEAS THAT SAVED MONEY WHILE  
3 IMPROVING SERVICES TO THE CONSTITUENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.  
4 THE TEAM INCLUDES CARLA D. WILLIAMS, ANISE AWAD, DEBORAH  
5 THOMAS, SUSAN CAMBREN, NICK APALLAS, MARK SHUNTZER, JEFF CAIN,  
6 DANA LOO, SAMUEL KUMALAFE, DANNY CHU, ANDERSON MACKIE, AND  
7 ARSON MERCKE-YOUNG. CONGRATULATIONS. [ APPLAUSE ]

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. CONGRATULATIONS. [  
10 APPLAUSE ]

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL NOW GO TO THE FIRST DISTRICT.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, AS WE ALL KNOW,  
15 EACH YEAR SINCE 1982, THE MUSIC CENTER BRAVO AWARD HAS BEEN  
16 PRESENTED TO RECOGNIZE TEACHERS AND SCHOOLS FOR THEIR  
17 INNOVATION AND EXCELLENCE IN ARTS EDUCATION. THE BRAVO AWARD  
18 HONORS EDUCATORS WHO USE THE ARTS TO REVITALIZE TEACHING,  
19 ENHANCE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT, AND FOSTER SELF-ESTEEM, TEAMWORK  
20 AND CROSS-CULTURAL COMMUNICATION AND UNDERSTANDING. BRAVO  
21 AWARD NOMINEES ARE EITHER SELF-IDENTIFIED OR IDENTIFIED BY  
22 OTHER EDUCATORS. THEY MUST BE FULL-TIME TEACHERS OR  
23 ADMINISTRATORS IN PUBLIC, PRIVATE, OR CHARTER SCHOOLS. THIS  
24 YEAR, THERE WERE THREE FINALISTS IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING  
25 THREE CATEGORIES. GENERAL EDUCATION TEACHERS, ART SPECIALIST



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1 TEACHERS IN SCHOOLS, AND IN ADDITION TO THE FINALISTS, WE ALSO  
2 HAVE WITH US TODAY A FEW OF THE HONORABLE MENTION AWARDEES.  
3 EACH SUPERVISOR WILL BE PRESENTING THE AWARDEES IN THEIR  
4 PARTICULAR DISTRICTS AND I'M GOING TO BEGIN WITH MY DISTRICT.  
5 FIRST OF ALL, JANET BARKER WAS ONE OF THE THREE GENERALIST  
6 TEACHER FINALISTS. JANET TEACHES LANGUAGE ARTS AT PARIS MIDDLE  
7 SCHOOL IN REDONDO BEACH, WHICH IS PART OF THE REDONDO UNIFIED  
8 SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND MASTERFULLY INTEGRATES THE ARTS INTO HER  
9 EIGHTH GRADE CLASSES. SHE IS JOINED TODAY BY HER PRINCIPAL,  
10 SALLY TEHEJAN. ALL RIGHT. CONGRATULATIONS. [ APPLAUSE ]

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12 **SUP. KNABE:** NEXT IS JONATHAN CHIANG. HE IS AN ART SPECIALIST  
13 HONORABLE MENTION. HE WAS UNABLE TO JOIN US TODAY. HE IS THE  
14 BAND DIRECTOR AT GLEN WILSON HIGH SCHOOL, WHERE HE IS A VERY  
15 INSPIRING AND OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR WHO IS REPRESENTED TODAY BY  
16 ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL JAMIE MILAN AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
17 HACIENDA SCHOOL BOARD, A GOOD FRIEND, NORMAN SUE.  
18 CONGRATULATIONS TO JONATHAN. MY BROTHER WAS A MEMBER OF THE  
19 WILSON HIGH SCHOOL BAND YEARS AGO. [ APPLAUSE ]

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21 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

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23 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE. YOU KNOW, THE ARTS  
24 PLAY A VERY SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN ALL OF OUR COMMUNITY, AND I'M  
25 PARTICULARLY PROUD OF THE BRAVO AWARDS AND THE WINNERS IN MY



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1 DISTRICT. I KNOW THAT FOR MYSELF, I REMEMBER AS LITTLE AS A  
2 KINDERGARTENER WHO HAD A TEACHER WHO LOVED THE STRAUSS WALTZES  
3 AND SHARED WITH ALL OF US, AND I CAN REMEMBER THAT FONDLY. AND  
4 ALSO HAVING AN ARTS TEACHER IN THE EIGHTH GRADE BY THE NAME OF  
5 MS. TOLSTER, WHO TAUGHT US ABOUT THE OPERA AND ALL THOSE FINE  
6 ARTS AND ALL. AND I'M VERY PROUD OF THE WINNERS TODAY. IN MY  
7 DISTRICT, WE HAVE TWO IMPORTANT PRESENTATIONS. FIRST OF ALL,  
8 BARBARA ANN HINCKLEY, WHO RECEIVED HONORABLE MENTION AT THE  
9 BRAVO AWARDS. SHE TEACHES AT VAN WIG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WITHIN  
10 THE BASSETT SCHOOL DISTRICT. I WANT TO CONGRATULATE HER. AND  
11 SHE'S JOINED TODAY BY HER ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF BASSETT  
12 SCHOOL DISTRICT, SHERYL BEAN. CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH OF YOU.  
13 [ APPLAUSE ]

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15 **SUP. MOLINA:** NEXT WE HAVE THE GENERAL EDUCATION TEACHER THAT  
16 WON THE BRAVO AWARD. SHE TEACHES AT MOUNT WASHINGTON  
17 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AT L.A. UNIFIED. I WANT TO EXTEND HER OUR  
18 DEEPEST CONGRATULATIONS. THAT'S THE DAUGHTER THAT ATTENDED  
19 MOUNT WASHINGTON. CONGRATULATIONS. AND THAT IS SOPHINY CONVAY.  
20 THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

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22 **SUP. KNABE:** SUPERVISOR BURKE, YOU'RE NEXT. COULD I JUST MAKE  
23 ONE INTRODUCTION? I'D LIKE TO WELCOME, FROM MILLIGAN HIGH  
24 SCHOOL IN LONG BEACH, WE HAVE TEACHERS MRS. VAN DYNE AND MR.  
25 UNDERWOOD AND STUDENTS FROM MILLIGAN MULTI-CULTURAL LITERATURE



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1 CLASS AND CAMPUS DIVERSITY CLUB, ONE LOVE, WHO ARE SITTING IN  
2 THE AUDIENCE. WE SPENT SOME TIME TOGETHER EARLY THIS MORNING.  
3 I'D LIKE THEM TO STAND UP. AND WE HOPE YOU ENJOY THE MEETING  
4 AND HAVE A GREAT DAY DOWN HERE. [ APPLAUSE ]

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6 **SUP. KNABE:** GO RAMS! [ CHEERS ]

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOFFITT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RECEIVED  
9 HONORABLE MENTION. JOINING US TODAY IS JOANNE ESKIN, PRINCIPAL  
10 OF MOFFITT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. IT'S AN L.A.U.S.D. SCHOOL. MS.  
11 ESKIN IS A DEDICATED LEADER WHO BELIEVES ALL CHILDREN DESERVE  
12 THE BEST ARTS EDUCATION POSSIBLE AND IS TIRELESS IN HER  
13 EFFORTS TO MAKE MOFFITT A STANDOUT PROGRAM AMONG ITS PEERS.  
14 THE SUPERINTENDENT OF LENNOX SCHOOL DISTRICT, BRUCE MCDANIELS,  
15 IS ALSO HERE WITH MRS. ESKIN. AND THEY HAVE A WONDERFUL,  
16 WONDERFUL SCHOOL THERE UNDER DIFFICULT CONDITIONS. BUT THEY'VE  
17 JUST EXCELLED. THEY TAKE STUDENTS WHO REALLY NEED THE  
18 ASSISTANCE AND THEN THEY EXCEL ABOVE ALL OTHERS, SO  
19 CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. I CAN NEVER SAY  
22 ENOUGH ABOUT THE LENNOX SCHOOL DISTRICT. IT'S ALWAYS AN  
23 EXCELLENT SCHOOL DISTRICT.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. IT'S MY PRIVILEGE TO  
2   INTRODUCE THE HONOREES FROM OUR DISTRICT. FIRST OF ALL, COLFAX  
3   AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL -- OH, SORRY. COLFAX AVENUE  
4   ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WAS A FINALIST, AND IS LED BY THE DYNAMIC  
5   JOANIE FRECKMAN. THE PASSION FOR ARTS IS EVIDENT THE MOMENT  
6   YOU WALK ONTO THE CAMPUS OF COLFAX, WHICH IS OF COURSE PART OF  
7   THE L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. COLFAX AVENUE ELEMENTARY  
8   SCHOOL PROVIDES A RICH PROGRAM FOR GRADES KINDERGARTEN THROUGH  
9   5 IN ALL FOUR ARTS DISCIPLINES, VISUAL ARTS, THEATRE ARTS,  
10   DANCE, AND MUSIC. IS TOM WALDEN HERE? THERE HE IS. HEY, TOM.  
11   WHO IS CHIEF OF STAFF TO SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER, TAMAR GALETSON.  
12   AND HE IS JOANIE'S GUEST HERE TODAY AND WE'RE HONORED TO  
13   PRESENT YOU WITH THIS CERTIFICATE. CONGRATULATIONS AND KEEP UP  
14   THE GREAT WORK. [ APPLAUSE ]

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16   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NEXT, ANGELA GOTSHALL, WAS ONE OF THE THREE  
17   ART SPECIALIST TEACHERS FINALISTS. ANGELA TEACHES THEATRE AT  
18   GEORGE E. HALE MIDDLE SCHOOL, ALSO PART OF THE L.A. UNIFIED  
19   SCHOOL DISTRICT. HER ENTHUSIASM AND COMMITMENT TO THE ARTS AND  
20   TO ARTS EDUCATION IS RECOGNIZE THROUGHOUT HER DISTRICT BY HER  
21   PEERS AND ADMINISTRATORS. MS. GOTSHALL'S GUEST HERE WITH HER  
22   IS NEIL SEGEL, WHO IS PRINCIPAL OF GEORGE HALE MIDDLE SCHOOL.  
23   CONGRATULATIONS TO ANGELA. AND LASTLY, SHE'S NOT HERE, BUT I  
24   DID WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE JOANIE SWINSON, WHO IS ONE OF THE  
25   THREE ART SPECIALISTS TEACHER FINALISTS FROM SANTA MONICA HIGH



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1 SCHOOL, WHICH OF COURSE IS PART OF THE SANTA MONICA SCHOOL  
2 DISTRICT. HER ORCHESTRA TOURS PLAYED TO WORLD WIDE CRITICAL  
3 ACCLAIM. BECAUSE OF HER BUSY CONCERT SCHEDULE, JOANIE SWENSON  
4 IS NOT ABLE TO JOIN US, BUT WE'LL PRESENT THE CERTIFICATE TO  
5 HER TOO. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ROBIN TODER IS THE PRINCIPAL OF GERMAIN  
10 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. SHE'S USED HER LEADERSHIP AND VISION FOR AN  
11 ARTS PROGRAM TO GARNER AN HONORABLE MENTION FOR HER SCHOOL.  
12 AND THIS YEAR, TOM WALDEN IS HER GUEST. I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY  
13 OF ATTENDING THE BRAVO DINNER THIS YEAR. AND ONCE AGAIN, GARRY  
14 MARSHALL DID A SUPERB JOB AS THE MASTER OF CEREMONIES AS HE  
15 DOES EACH YEAR WHEN HE TAKES TIME OUT OF HIS CAREER OF FILING  
16 AND PRODUCING THE VARIOUS MOTION PICTURES TO BE WITH THE  
17 STUDENTS, BECAUSE HE HAS SUCH A GREAT DEDICATION AND  
18 COMMITMENT TO OUR YOUTH IN OUR COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND  
19 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. SO ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY, LET US GIVE  
20 YOU THIS CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION. [ APPLAUSE ]

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** PAUL SEVESEN TEACHES CHORAL MUSIC AT  
23 WESTRIDGE, WHICH IS A PRIVATE GIRLS SCHOOL IN PASADENA. AND AS  
24 THE CHORAL DIRECTOR FOR THE UPPER SCHOOL, HE WAS HONORED THIS  
25 YEAR AS A BRAVO FINALIST. HIS COMMITMENT TO CULTURAL



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1 UNDERSTANDING IS EVIDENT IN THE WIDE VARIETY OF MUSICAL  
2 SELECTIONS WHICH INSPIRES HIS STUDENTS TO LEARN ABOUT THE  
3 WORLD OUTSIDE OF THEIR IMMEDIATE SURROUNDINGS. AND HE'S  
4 ACCOMPANIED BY THE PERFORMING ARTS COORDINATOR FOR WESTRIDGE  
5 SCHOOL, PAUL JANAPAPOLIS. OKAY. LET'S HEAR IT FOR THE GREEKS.

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7 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CHARLOTTE SMITHWAITE TEACHES CHORAL MUSIC FOR  
10 GLENDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AT WOODROW WILSON MIDDLE  
11 SCHOOL. AND HER PASSION FOR SINGING AND FOR TEACHING WON HER  
12 AN HONORABLE MENTION THIS YEAR AT THE BRAVO AWARDS. SO  
13 CONGRATULATIONS. WHO IS WITH YOU? WE'VE GOT OUR SCHOOL BOARD  
14 MEMBER. MRS. JENKS IS A DYNAMIC FIRST GRADE TEACHER AT VALLEY  
15 VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN GLENDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.  
16 SHE USED MUSIC, DANCE, AND DRAMA ENHANCE HER TEACHING. SHE WAS  
17 AWARDED THE DIGITAL VOICE AWARD FROM THE L.A. COUNTY  
18 RECOGNITION FOR OUTSTANDING LESSON PLAN, FOR TECHNOLOGICAL  
19 INSTRUCTION. LISA WAS A FINALIST IN THIS YEAR'S GENERALIST  
20 CATEGORY. JOLENE WAGNER, PRESIDENT OF OUR SCHOOL BOARD, DR.  
21 ESCALANTE, THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, AND ALICE PETROZIAN,  
22 ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT, AND DR. JOAN TROFF, VISUAL AND  
23 PERFORMING ARTS COORDINATOR, ARE ALL HERE, AS THEY WERE JUST  
24 WITH THE PREVIOUS RECIPIENT FROM THE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
25 AS HER GUESTS, SO CONGRATULATIONS. [ APPLAUSE ]



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU BROUGHT THE BIG GUNS TOO.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I THINK -- DO YOU HAVE ONE MORE?

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6 **SUP. KNABE:** THE MUSIC CENTER EDUCATION DIVISION VICE  
7 PRESIDENT, MARKS LAPKIN WAS GOING TO JOIN US TODAY BUT HE IS  
8 ILL. BUT JOINING US TODAY IS THE BRAVO PROGRAM MANAGER, FAITH  
9 DAVIS.

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HE HAS ONE MORE.

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13 **SUP. KNABE:** I'M SORRY. THAT'S WHY I ASKED THE QUESTION. OKAY.  
14 GO AHEAD.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE LAST ONE IS FROM SYCAMORE ELEMENTARY  
17 SCHOOL IN CLAREMONT. AND THIS IS LED BY PRINCIPAL THOMAS  
18 COOPER, WHO IS NOT HERE WITH US TODAY. SYCAMORE WAS A SCHOOL  
19 FINALIST FOR THIS YEAR'S PRESENTATION, SO WE WISH CLAREMONT  
20 CONTINUED SUCCESS AND WE'LL TURN IT OVER TO SUPERVISOR DON  
21 KNABE.

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23 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MICHAEL. AGAIN, HOW ABOUT THIS, I'M  
24 GOING TO ASK OUR BRAVO PROGRAM MANAGER, FAITH DAVIS, TO SHARE  
25 A FEW WORDS WITH US. FAITH?



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2 **FAITH DAVIS:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS ON BEHALF OF THE MUSIC  
3 CENTER FOR HONORING THIS YEAR'S BRAVO NOMINEES. I BROUGHT  
4 BRAVO PINS FOR ALL OF THE SUPERVISORS. I'LL GIVE THEM TO GAYLE  
5 AND SHE CAN PASS THEM OUT. THANK YOU AGAIN. [ APPLAUSE ]

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7 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU.

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'D LIKE TO CALL  
10 FORWARD DR. JONATHAN FIELDING, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH,  
11 DOCTOR MICHELLE PARRA, DIRECTOR OF D.P.H. IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM  
12 AND JULIA HEINZERLING, WHO IS D.P.H. POLICY AND ADVOCACY  
13 SPECIALIST. IMMUNIZATIONS ARE SAFE, EFFECTIVE, AND THE BEST  
14 WAY TO PROTECT INFANTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN, THEIR FAMILIES AND  
15 COMMUNITIES AGAINST SERIOUS AND SOMETIMES DEADLY VACCINE-  
16 PREVENTABLE DISEASES. INFANTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN STILL SUFFER  
17 FROM DISEASES SUCH AS PERTUSSIS AND CHICKEN POX AND MEASLES.  
18 ALL OF THESE DISEASES ARE PREVENTABLE BY CHILDHOOD  
19 IMMUNIZATION. ONE OUT OF THE FIVE CHILDREN IN LOS ANGELES HAVE  
20 NOT RECEIVED ALL THEIR RECOMMENDED IMMUNIZATIONS BY THE TIME  
21 THEY ARE 24 MONTHS, LEAVING THEM AT RISK FOR ILLNESS. FREE AND  
22 LOW COST IMMUNIZATIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR INFANTS AND YOUNG  
23 CHILDREN THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY. A COALITION OF CONCERNED  
24 PUBLIC HEALTH COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS HAVE JOINED  
25 TOGETHER TO OBSERVE NATIONAL INFANT IMMUNIZATION WEEK AND



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1 TODDLER IMMUNIZATION MONTH TO INCREASE AWARENESS AND  
2 IMPORTANCE OF IMMUNIZATION. IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I  
3 PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO DR. JONATHAN FIELDING, DR. MICHELLE T.  
4 PARRA AND JULIA HEINZERLING AS WE PROCLAIM APRIL 16TH THROUGH  
5 THE 19TH, 2008, AS NATIONAL INFANT IMMUNIZATION WEEK AND THE  
6 MONTH OF MAY AS NATIONAL TODDLER IMMUNIZATION WEEK THROUGHOUT  
7 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. [ APPLAUSE ]

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9 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** IMMUNIZATIONS ARE SO MUCH A PART OF THE  
10 PRACTICE OF MEDICINE THAT WE SOMEHOW FORGET HOW IMPORTANT THEY  
11 ARE. AND LET ME JUST GIVE ONE EXAMPLE. WE'VE HAD TWO CASES OF  
12 MEASLES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THAT'S A VERY SERIOUS  
13 PROBLEM THAT IS JUST STARTING TO REEMERGE. AND LOOKING AT  
14 MEASLES, IT WAS IN 1963 THAT THE MEASLES VACCINE WAS  
15 DEVELOPED. MOST PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN TODAY HAVE NEVER  
16 SEEN MEASLES, AND THEY MAY NOT BE AWARE THAT MEASLES CAN BE A  
17 VERY SERIOUS DISEASE. FOR EXAMPLE, ONE IN 20 CHILDREN WITH  
18 MEASLES WILL GET PNEUMONIA FROM IT. AND ONE IN A THOUSAND OR  
19 TWO IN A THOUSAND WILL WIND UP WITH, UNFORTUNATELY,  
20 ENCEPHALITIS. AND YOU CAN HAVE BETWEEN ONE AND THREE DEATHS  
21 PER THOUSAND CHILDREN. SO THESE DISEASES, LIKE MEASLES, LIKE  
22 WHOOPING COUGH, WHICH IS COMING BACK, ARE VERY SERIOUS. AND I  
23 HOPE THAT ALL PARENTS WILL MAKE SURE NOT ONLY THAT THEIR  
24 CHILDREN ARE IMMUNIZED, BUT THEY'RE IMMUNIZED ON TIME. BECAUSE  
25 WE'VE HAD A LOT OF CASES WITH CHILDREN HAVING DISEASES THAT



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1 COULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED AND PARENTS SAYING, "OH YEAH, I JUST  
2 MISSED A FEW" OR "I FORGOT," OR WHATEVER. SO THIS IS A GREAT  
3 TIME TO REDEDICATE OURSELVES TO MAKING SURE EVERY CHILD STARTS  
4 OFF GETTING PROTECTED AGAINST MANY VACCINE-PREVENTABLE  
5 DISEASES THAT WERE TERRIBLE SCOURGES NOT MORE THAN 50 YEARS  
6 AGO AND TODAY ARE, FORTUNATELY, NOT KNOWN. BUT WE WANT TO MAKE  
7 SURE IN THE FUTURE THAT THEY'RE NOT KNOWN THEN EITHER. THANK  
8 YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR AND BOARD.

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10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NOW I'D LIKE TO CALL UP W.L.C.A.C.  
11 REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAM DIRECTOR JAMES SMITH. WATTS LABOR  
12 COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE IS A NONPROFIT COMMUNITY-BASED  
13 ORGANIZATION FOUNDED IN 1965 TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE  
14 FOR RESIDENTS IN SOUTH LOS ANGELES. W.L.C.A.C. HAS BUILT MORE  
15 THAN 3,000 UNITS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND SUCCESSFULLY  
16 PROMOTES HOME OWNERSHIP IN IMPOVERISHED NEIGHBORHOODS. THEY  
17 ARE ALSO PROUD OPERATIONS OF NATIONALLY AFFILIATED YOUTH-BUILD  
18 PROGRAM. THE PROGRAM WAS ESTABLISHED IN 2003 AND PRESENTLY HAS  
19 40 PARTICIPANTS ENROLLED ON A FULL-TIME BASIS FOR UP TO 9  
20 THROUGH 15 MONTHS. STUDENTS CURRENTLY ARE HELPING IN THE  
21 PRODUCTION OF 49 UNITS OF HOUSING IN SOUTH LOS ANGELES FOR LOW  
22 INCOME HOME BUYERS IN PARTICIPATION WITH A.M.C.A.L. GENERAL  
23 CONTRACTORS. YOUTHBUILD ALLOWS AT-RISK YOUTH THE OPPORTUNITY  
24 TO CHANGE THEIR LIVES BY ENGAGING IN ONGOING INSTRUCTION FOR  
25 CERTIFICATION IN CONSTRUCTION, PARTICIPATION IN LEADERSHIP



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1 DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES, PURSUING ONGOING EDUCATION AND  
2 OBTAINING MANY OF THE PRIVILEGES YOUTH TAKE FOR GRANTED, SUCH  
3 AS A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE. THIS SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM IS  
4 OFFERED THROUGH AN EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIP WITH MAXINE WATERS  
5 EMPLOYMENT PREPARATION CENTER. MORE THAN 70% OF THE PROGRAM  
6 PARTICIPANTS ARE ESTIMATED TO COMPLETE THE PROGRAM BY JANUARY  
7 2009. 23% WILL ENROLL IN COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND 40% WILL ENTER  
8 THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY. IT'S WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I  
9 PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO THE WATTS LABOR COMMUNITY ACTION  
10 COMMITTEE AS WE CELEBRATE THIS SPECIAL OCCASION OF ITS  
11 SUCCESSFUL W.L.C.A.C. YOUTHBUILD PROGRAM AND GRADUATION OF ITS  
12 FIRST 39 YOUTH LEADERS. [ APPLAUSE ]

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14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND I'D LIKE TO MAKE THIS PRESENTATION...  
15 EDWARD CURRY. DONOVAN SNOW. DARSHE HERD. IRIS MIRANDA.  
16 CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND  
17 YOUR NAME IS?

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19 **SPEAKER:** (OFF-MIKE).

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** GERRELL SWAIN IS PRESENTING US WITH A TEE  
22 SHIRT. THANK YOU.

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24 **JAMES SMITH:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BURKE AND THE  
25 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JAMES SMITH AND I'M THE



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1 DIRECTOR FOR THE W.L.C.A.C. YOUTHBUILD PROGRAM. MYSELF AND MR.  
2 RAYMOND WASHINGTON, OUR LEADERSHIP COORDINATOR, ARE HERE WITH  
3 SOME OF OUR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE YOUTHBUILD YOUNG LEADERS  
4 WHO ARE GRADUATING THIS FRIDAY. THEY REPRESENT 39 YOUNG PEOPLE  
5 THAT HAVE HAD HANDS-ON IN BUILDING LOW INCOME HOUSING, THEY  
6 HAVE HAD HANDS-ON IN MAKING SURE THAT THEY DROP BACK INTO  
7 EDUCATION TO RECEIVE THEIR HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA AND G.E.D. THEY  
8 HAVE NOT HAD TIME FOR GANGS, DRUGS, AND DOING NOTHING IN THE  
9 COMMUNITY. THEY HAVE HAD ALL THE LEADERSHIP DIRECTION THAT  
10 YOUTHBUILD COULD GIVE THEM. YOUTHBUILD HAS BEEN AROUND FOR 20-  
11 SOME YEARS HERE OPERATING IN THIS GREAT COUNTY. AND WE WANT  
12 YOUTHBUILD TO CONTINUE TO BE THERE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE THAT ARE  
13 LOOKING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY AND A SECOND CHANCE. WE WANT TO  
14 THANK SUPERVISOR BURKE FOR CONTINUED BRINGING US THROUGH THE  
15 DOOR OF THE HALLS OF THE ADMINISTRATION SO THAT SHE COULD SEE  
16 THE YOUNG PEOPLE AND KNOW THAT THEY ARE THE NEW WORK FORCE IN  
17 THIS COUNTY. WE THANK HER FOR ALL OF HER LEADERSHIP AND WISH  
18 HER GOD SPEED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU.

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?  
23 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU. I'D LIKE TO ASK --  
2   MICHAEL JUDGE, THERE YOU ARE -- TO JOIN ME FOR A VERY SPECIAL  
3   PRESENTATION. MICHAEL JUDGE CURRENTLY SERVES WITH DISTINCTION  
4   AS THE CHIEF PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, A  
5   POSITION THAT CARRIES RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPERVISING AND  
6   MANAGING THE OPERATION OF 40 OFFICES FOR A DEPARTMENT  
7   COMPRISING MORE THAN 700 LAWYERS. MICHAEL IS A FORMER TRUSTEE  
8   OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION AND A MEMBER OF THE  
9   LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT BENCH BAR COALITION, IS AN  
10   EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER OF THE CRIMINAL COURTS BAR ASSOCIATION  
11   AND HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BAR  
12   ASSOCIATION GOVERNMENT LAWYER MEMBERSHIP TASK FORCE. MICHAEL  
13   JUDGE HAS SERVED ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE NATIONAL  
14   ASSOCIATION OF DRUG COURT PROFESSIONALS AND IS A VICE-  
15   CHAIRPERSON OF THE LOS ANGELES DRUG COURT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE,  
16   LOBBIED SUCCESSFULLY TO INCLUDE DRUG COURT PROVISIONS IN  
17   CALIFORNIA'S DIVERSION STATUTE, TRAVELED WIDELY, SPOKEN  
18   FREQUENTLY, AND PUBLISHED PROLIFICALLY ON THE SUBJECT OF DRUG  
19   TREATMENT AND DIVERSION PROGRAMS IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM.  
20   MICHAEL HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED FOR HIS LEGAL WORK WITH SUCH  
21   HONORS AS THE LAUREN MILLER AWARD, THE JOHN M. LANGSTON BAR  
22   LAWYER OF THE YEAR, THE NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARD OF THE  
23   N.A.D.C.P., THE DRUG CORPS PROGRAM, THE JUSTICE CRUZ RENOSO  
24   AWARD FOR PRINCIPLED LEADERSHIP FROM THE MEXICAN-AMERICAN BAR  
25   ASSOCIATION, A LOS ANGELES COUNTY BAR CRIMINAL JUSTICE



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1 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD, REPEATED CITATIONS AS ONE OF  
2 CALIFORNIA'S MOST INFLUENTIAL LAWYERS, AND MANY OTHERS FAR TOO  
3 NUMEROUS TO MENTION, AND HE'S ONLY 27 YEARS OLD. MICHAEL WAS  
4 MOST RECENTLY AWARDED THE 2007 CLAY AWARD FROM THE CALIFORNIA  
5 LAWYER MAGAZINE FOR FIGHTING SUCCESSFULLY TO HELP ENACT  
6 FEDERAL LEGISLATION DESIGNED TO FACILITATE YOUNG LAWYERS  
7 ENTERING PUBLIC SECTOR LEGAL SERVICE. I HAD A PASSING INTEREST  
8 IN THAT LEGISLATION, BECAUSE OF SOMEBODY IN MY FAMILY WHO  
9 COULD HAVE USED THIS AT THE RIGHT TIME, WHO JUST FINISHED LAW  
10 SCHOOL. BUT HE WAS A YEAR TOO EARLY. AND I KNOW WE WORKED  
11 TOGETHER ON TRYING TO GET THAT LEGISLATION PASSED. SO, WE  
12 WANTED TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY, MICHAEL, TO HONOR YOU FOR THE  
13 CLAY AWARD. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
14 WANTS TO HEREBY COMMEND MICHAEL P. JUDGE FOR HIS MANY  
15 PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND BE EXTENDED SINCERE  
16 CONGRATULATIONS AS ONE OF CALIFORNIA LAWYER MAGAZINE'S 2007  
17 ATTORNEYS OF THE YEAR WITH BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS  
18 AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS ONGOING ENDEAVORS. I THINK WE ALL  
19 KNOW MICHAEL VERY WELL, WE DON'T NEED TO GIVE A BIG SPEECH  
20 ABOUT YOU, BUT I JUST DID. BUT THE DEPARTMENTS THAT OPERATE  
21 BEST ARE THE ONES WE NEVER HEAR ABOUT, AND WE DON'T HEAR A LOT  
22 OF PROBLEMS OUT OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE. IN FACT, I  
23 CAN'T RECALL THE LAST TIME WE HAD A PROBLEM IN THE PUBLIC  
24 DEFENDER'S OFFICE, WHICH IS REMARKABLE BECAUSE IT'S A HIGHLY  
25 SENSITIVE AND DELICATE BUSINESS THAT YOU'RE IN. BUT YOU HAVE



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1 CARRIED ON THAT RESPONSIBILITY WITH GREAT SKILL AND PASSION  
2 AND YOU'RE ALWAYS THINKING ONE STEP AHEAD HOW YOU CAN IMPROVE  
3 THE QUALITY OF THE OFFICE AND NOT ONLY THIS OFFICE IN OUR  
4 COUNTY AND THE STATE AND BEYOND. YOUR COMMITMENT TO THE  
5 JUSTICE SYSTEM IS INCREDIBLE, AND I'M HONORED TO PRESENT THIS  
6 TO YOU MICHAEL, CONGRATULATIONS. [ APPLAUSE ]

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME JUST ADD THAT AS SUPERVISOR AND AS  
9 FORMER CHAIRMAN ABOUT FIVE, SIX TIMES OF THE COUNTY-WIDE  
10 CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE, MICHAEL HAS BEEN A VERY  
11 CONSTRUCTIVE VOICE WORKING WITH PROSECUTORS, OUR FEDERAL AND  
12 STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS. AND ONE OF THE PROGRAMS THAT WON  
13 OUR NATIONAL AWARD THAT WAS HEADED BY JUDGE -- DEALT WITH THE  
14 COMPUTERIZATION OF THE COURTS. AND MICHAEL WAS A PART OF THAT  
15 COMMITTEE. AND WE REALLY APPRECIATE HIS LEADERSHIP, HIS  
16 DEDICATION. BUT HIS TRUE DEDICATION IS NOT FROM HIM, IT'S FROM  
17 HIS WIFE, DEEDEE, WHO PUSHES HIM TO DO THESE GREAT  
18 ACHIEVEMENTS. RIGHT?

19

20 **MICHAEL JUDGE:** I SHOULD HAVE BROUGHT HER. I DIDN'T KNOW YOU  
21 GUYS WERE GOING TO DO THIS.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU SHOULD HAVE BROUGHT HER.

24



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1   **MICHAEL JUDGE:** WELL, I'M REALLY DELIGHTED THAT WE WERE ABLE TO  
2   ACCOMPLISH WHAT PROMPTED THE CALIFORNIA LAWYER OF THE YEAR  
3   AWARD WHICH WAS TO, WITH THE BOARD'S HELP, SECURE STUDENT LOAN  
4   FORGIVENESS FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING PUBLIC DEFENDERS  
5   AND PROSECUTORS. BECAUSE OF THE BOARD'S APPROVAL OF THIS AS  
6   PART OF THE FEDERAL AGENDA, WE HAD THE SERVICES OF THE  
7   LOBBYISTS IN D.C., AND GREG CAMPBELL IN PARTICULAR. WE ALSO  
8   HAD MARK DEGIMA FROM THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE HERE TO ADVISE US. I  
9   WAS FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO LEAD A NATIONAL COALITION OF PEOPLE  
10  FROM BOTH PROSECUTING OFFICES AND DEFENDER OFFICES AND SEVERAL  
11  MEMBERS OF THE BOARD HERE CONTACTED INDIVIDUALS. I KNOW MIKE  
12  ANTONOVICH, YOU DID, AND ZEV, YOU DID AS WELL WHEN WE WERE  
13  HAVING SOME DIFFICULTY TRYING TO GET MEETINGS. STEVE COOLEY  
14  CAME IN AND ASSISTED WITH CERTAIN KEY PEOPLE. SO IT WAS REALLY  
15  A COLLABORATION AND A VERY IMPORTANT ONE FOR THE FUTURE OF  
16  BOTH THE PROSECUTING AND DEFENDER OFFICES IN THIS COUNTY. AND  
17  I WANT TO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE MOST GENEROUS REMARKS  
18  I'VE EVER HEARD IN MY LIFE. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

19

20   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, I WANT TO JUST PUNCTUATE THE  
21  POINT, THE EFFORT THAT HE HAS SUCCEEDED IN ACHIEVING ALLOWS --  
22  THERE ARE SO MANY PEOPLE, BECAUSE MY SON JUST FINISHED LAW  
23  SCHOOL, AS YOU ALL KNOW, WHO INCUR INCREDIBLE DEBT TO GO TO  
24  LAW SCHOOL, BUT DON'T WANT TO BECOME RICH, THEY WANT TO GET  
25  INTO THE PUBLIC SECTOR, BUT THEY CAN'T AFFORD TO DO IT. THIS



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1 BILL WILL ENABLE PEOPLE TO REALIZE THE DREAM FOR WHICH THEY  
2 WENT TO LAW SCHOOL IN THE FIRST PLACE AND NOT BE SADDLED WITH  
3 LIFETIME DEBT AND WE GET THE INCREDIBLE QUALITY OF PERSONNEL  
4 THAT WAY WHO ARE IN THIS FOR THE RIGHT REASONS. AND I JUST,  
5 AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR THAT, NOT ONLY ON BEHALF OF ALL THE LAW  
6 STUDENTS OUT THERE, BUT, REALLY, WE'RE GOING TO GET A BETTER  
7 QUALITY OF EMPLOYEE AS A RESULT AND THE PUBLIC IS BETTER  
8 SERVED AS A RESULT, SO THANKS, MICHAEL.

9

10 **MICHAEL JUDGE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** I THINK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WAS GOING TO DO ONE  
13 BEFORE I DID MINE. I'M LOOKING FOR DIRECTION. CORRECT?

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS IS A PROGRAM THAT WE ARE SO PLEASED THAT  
16 IS HAVING MUCH SUCCESS AND THAT'S OUR ADOPTION PROGRAM. FOSTER  
17 CARE AWARENESS MONTH IS GOING TO BE THE MONTH OF MAY. AND THIS  
18 IS WHERE WE ARE LOOKING FOR PERMANENT MOMENTS FOR OUR CHILDREN  
19 IN FOSTER CARE. DURING THIS MONTH, WE WILL RECOGNIZE THE  
20 ADOPTIVE AND FOSTER FAMILIES WHO HAVE SHARED THEIR HOMES AND  
21 HEARTS WITH CHILDREN IN NEED. AND WE ENCOURAGE MORE OF OUR  
22 COUNTY RESIDENTS TO CONSIDER ADOPTING YOUNG PEOPLE. WITH US IS  
23 TRISH PLOEHN, WHO IS OUR DIRECTOR, YVONNE CREZISHANI, AND  
24 STEPHANIE CLANCY, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE HEART GALLERY.  
25 FAMILIES WHO ADOPT CHILDREN PROVIDE A GENEROUS OPPORTUNITY FOR



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1 THESE YOUNG PEOPLE TO HAVE A FUTURE AND TO BECOME THE  
2 PRODUCTIVE CITIZENS THAT OUR COUNTRY NEEDS. THERE ARE OVER  
3 8,000 CHILDREN LIVING IN FOSTER HOMES OR GROUP HOMES IN OUR  
4 COUNTY TODAY WHO, FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER, HAVE NO PARENTS  
5 OR NO HOMES. NEARLY 600 OF THESE CHILDREN ARE CURRENTLY  
6 AWAITING ADOPTIONS, AND BEHIND ME IS A PHOTO DISPLAY OF  
7 PHOTOGRAPHS OF CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE WHO ARE SEEKING MOTHERS  
8 AND FATHERS TO BE THAT PARENT. AND WE WOULD LIKE TO ENSURE  
9 THAT THESE PEOPLE, MOST OF THEM ARE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 5 AND  
10 15, ALTHOUGH SOME ARE A LITTLE OLDER, SOME A LITTLE YOUNGER,  
11 ARE LOOKING FOR THE PEOPLE TO PROVIDE THEIR HOME. WE HAVE  
12 ENGAGED OUR FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY AND WE ENCOURAGE EVERYBODY  
13 TO CALL THAT HOTLINE NUMBER, 888-811-1121, FOR INFORMATION TO  
14 HAVE THESE CHILDREN ADOPTED IN THEIR HOMES TO BE PART OF THEIR  
15 FAMILY SO WE WILL HAVE A GREATER, STRONGER NATION. SO LET ME  
16 GIVE THIS PROCLAMATION ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
17 AS WE PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF MAY AS FOSTER CARE AWARENESS  
18 MONTH. [ APPLAUSE ]

19

20 **TRISH PLOEHN:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR  
21 ANTONOVICH AND ALL OF THE BOARD FOR ACKNOWLEDGING THIS SPECIAL  
22 TIME OF YEAR. IN HONOR OF THE FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH, I  
23 WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYBODY WHO DEDICATES THEMSELVES TO THE  
24 CHILDREN OF LOS ANGELES, A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE COMMITTED  
25 STAFF OF D.C.F.S. AND ALSO TO ALL THE RELATIVES, FOSTER



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1 PARENTS, RESOURCE PARENTS, FOSTER FAMILY AGENCIES AND GROUP  
2 HOMES THAT MAKE HOMES FOR CHILDREN, SOMETIMES TEMPORARILY AND  
3 SOMETIMES PERMANENTLY FOR CHILDREN WHO CANNOT SAFELY REMAIN IN  
4 THEIR OWN HOMES. AS A COUNTY WHO HAS DEDICATED ITSELF TO  
5 MAKING CHILDREN A PRIORITY, WE HAVE MADE WONDERFUL STRIDES IN  
6 THIS COUNTY. CHILDREN ARE NOW SAFER. WE HAVE A REDUCED  
7 RELIANCE ON OUT OF HOME CARE. AND THERE IS A MUCH SHORTER TIME  
8 THAT CHILDREN HAVE TO REMAIN IN CARE BEFORE THEY CAN EITHER GO  
9 HOME SAFELY OR GO INTO AN ADOPTIVE HOME. THESE CHANGES HAVE  
10 SHOWN GREAT OUTCOMES. WE NOW HAVE JUST UNDER 19,000 CHILDREN  
11 IN OUT OF HOME CARE. THIS IS A REDUCTION FROM ALMOST 50,000  
12 CHILDREN JUST 10 YEARS AGO. IN ADDITION, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE,  
13 OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS, TO FIND, LOCATE, AND CORRECTLY  
14 PROVIDE SERVICES TO OVER HALF OF THE CHILDREN THAT HAD BEEN  
15 RUN-AWAYS OR HAD BEEN ABDUCTED. AND WE HAVE MANY INNOVATIVE  
16 PROGRAMS, ONE OF WHICH IS OUR POINT OF ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM,  
17 WHICH FOCUSES ON STRENGTHENING THE COMMUNITY AS WELL AS THE  
18 FAMILY. AND THAT PROGRAM, I'M VERY PROUD TO TELL YOU IS BEING  
19 HONORED RIGHT NOW AS WE SPEAK UP IN SACRAMENTO AT THE  
20 STATEWIDE PROGRAM THAT SHOULD BE EXPANDED ACROSS CALIFORNIA.  
21 SO I THANK ALL OF YOU FOR THIS HONOR AND I WISH YOU A VERY  
22 GOOD DAY. [ APPLAUSE ]

23

24 **STEPHANIE CLANCY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR HAVING OUR PROGRAM  
25 HERE. I'M WITH HEART GALLERY-LOS ANGELES, A PROGRAM OF



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1 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. THIS PORTRAIT  
2 DISPLAY BEHIND ME IS JUST A SMALL SAMPLE OF OVER 500 KIDS  
3 RIGHT NOW IN L.A. COUNTY GROWING UP WITHOUT FAMILIES. AND MY  
4 GOAL AS THE PROGRAM MANAGER IS TO FIND A FAMILY FOR EACH OF  
5 THESE KIDS. WE HAVE VOLUNTEER PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHERS WHO  
6 GIVE THEIR TIME AND SKILLS TO GET A TRUE PICTURE OF THESE  
7 KIDS. IT CAPTURES THEIR HEART, THEIR SPIRIT, THEIR SOUL, AND  
8 WE HAVE LOTS OF HAPPY ENDINGS AS A RESULT. I'M PUTTING THESE  
9 GALLERY PORTRAIT DISPLAYS UP ALL OVER L.A. COUNTY, INCLUDING  
10 MALLS, SCHOOLS, EVENTS LIKE THIS, AND IT'S WORKING. I'D LIKE  
11 TO PRESENT OUR CALENDAR FOR 2008 TO SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, WHO  
12 HAS BEEN SUCH A WONDERFUL SUPPORTER OF ADOPTIONS IN OUR  
13 COUNTY. AND I'M ALSO GOING TO BE PROVIDING CALENDARS FOR EACH  
14 OF THE SUPERVISORS HERE TODAY. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, AT THIS TIME  
17 I'D LIKE TO CALL UP JANELLE HOLT ALONG WITH DORA JACILDO,  
18 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN TODAY, AND DR. GARY MANGIOFICO,  
19 WHO IS THE C.E.O. OF LOS ANGELES UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL, BETTER  
20 KNOWN AS L.A.U.P. JANELLE IS THE HEAD TEACHER AT CHILDREN  
21 TODAY'S PLAYHOUSE WEST IN LONG BEACH, AND IT MAKES ME PROUD  
22 AND VERY PROUD TO HONOR HER TODAY AS THE L.A.U.P. PRESCHOOL  
23 TEACHER OF THE YEAR IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT. THERE WERE MANY  
24 DISTINGUISHED CANDIDATES ALL WORTHY OF RECOGNITION. HOWEVER,  
25 MRS. HOLT AND CHILDREN TODAY AS AN ORGANIZATION BRING A VERY



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1 UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE TO THIS ISSUE THROUGH THEIR WORK WITH  
2 HOMELESS CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. THE ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS HAS  
3 BECOME INCREASINGLY PREVALENT, NOT ONLY IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT  
4 BUT ACROSS OUR ENTIRE COUNTY. SADLY, WE ARE SEEING AN  
5 INCREASING NUMBER OF FAMILIES IN THIS SITUATION. WE HAVE  
6 ALLOCATED A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF RESOURCES, TIME AND ENERGY  
7 TOWARDS IMPROVING, ENHANCING, AND EXPANDING THE SYSTEMS OF  
8 CARE THAT ARE IN PLACE TO HELP THESE FAMILIES TRANSITION OFF  
9 THE STREETS AND INTO HOUSING AND A BETTER LIFE AND OUR  
10 COMMITMENT IS UNWAVERING. BUT I BELIEVE AT THE END OF THE DAY,  
11 THE TRUE MEASURE OF OUR SUCCESS WILL BE FOUND IN THE EFFORT TO  
12 FOSTER THE ABILITY OF EACH OF THESE FAMILIES TO OVERCOME THE  
13 VERY PAINFUL REALITIES OF LOSS, TRAUMA AND POVERTY AND FEAR.  
14 THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT OF GETTING PAST THOSE HUGE  
15 CHALLENGES IS TO MAKE THE WELL BEING OF THE CHILDREN IN THESE  
16 SITUATIONS AND THESE FAMILIES THE NUMBER ONE PRIORITY.  
17 CHILDREN TODAY PLAYHOUSE IN LONG BEACH IS A UNIQUE PRESCHOOL  
18 AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT SETTING WHERE THESE CHILDREN CAN BE  
19 SUPPORTED IN A VERY SAFE ENVIRONMENT TO FIRST LEARN TO COPE  
20 WITH THE INSTABILITY OF HOMELESSNESS, BUT THEN TO BUILD THE  
21 INNER STRENGTH TO TRANSCEND IT. AND IT'S APPARENT TO ME IN  
22 LOOKING AT WHAT JANELLE HAS DONE THAT OBVIOUSLY HAS BEEN A  
23 VERY IMPORTANT PART OF THAT VISION. SHE HAS FOUND AMAZING WAYS  
24 OF STRETCHING THE LIMITS OF THE SO-CALLED TRADITIONAL EARLY  
25 CHILDHOOD EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS TO SUIT THE MOST VULNERABLE



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1 POPULATION OF CHILDREN THAT WE HAVE. SO IT MAKES ME VERY PROUD  
2 AND I'M HUMBLLED TO HONOR HER TODAY. SHE'S NOT ONLY THE FOURTH  
3 DISTRICT L.A.U.P. PRESCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR, BUT OBVIOUSLY  
4 WITH THE WORK SHE'S DONE, SHE'S ONE OF THE TRUE HEROES OF THIS  
5 COUNTY. CONGRATULATIONS, JANELLE. [ APPLAUSE ]

6

7 **DR. GARY MANGIOFICO:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, MADAM CHAIR,  
8 AND I WANT TO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE, FOR INVITING ME TO  
9 SAY A FEW WORDS ON BEHALF OF ONE OF THE RECIPIENTS OF  
10 L.A.U.P.'S PRESCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD. THE COUNTY OF  
11 LOS ANGELES SHOULD BE VERY PROUD OF A PRESCHOOL TEACHER WHO,  
12 JANELLE HOLT, WHO RECENTLY RECEIVED ONE OF SIX L.A.U.P.  
13 COUNTY-WIDE AWARDS FOR HER DEDICATED EFFORTS TO PREPARE HER  
14 PRESCHOOL STUDENTS TO SUCCEED IN KINDERGARTEN AND BEYOND. AND  
15 AS YOU INDICATED IN JANELLE'S CASE, THIS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD IS  
16 EXTRA SPECIAL BECAUSE OF THE EXTRAORDINARY CHALLENGES SHE AND  
17 HER STUDENTS FACE. EACH DAY, JANELLE STRIVES TO TEACH IN A WAY  
18 THAT HELPS TO ERASE FEARS AMONG HER STUDENTS OF THE PAINFUL  
19 REALITIES OF TRAUMA, LOSS, AND POVERTY CAUSED BY HOMELESSNESS.  
20 SHE ALSO HELPS HER STUDENTS COPE WITH THE REALITIES OF BEING  
21 HOMELESS BY GIVING THEM THE TOOLS THEY NEED TO TRANSITION  
22 SUCCESSFULLY INTO KINDERGARTEN. THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF  
23 LOS ANGELES UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL, I'M HONORED TO HELP RECOGNIZE  
24 JANELLE FOR HER COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING, AND  
25 FOSTERING A CLASSROOM CLIMATE THAT IS CHARACTERIZED BY



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1 ENTHUSIASM FOR LEARNING, FOR ENGAGING OTHERS, INCLUDING  
2 PARENTS, AND SUPPORTING HER STUDENTS, LEARNING EXPERIENCE AND  
3 DEVELOPMENT NEEDS. JANELLE, YOUR CONTRIBUTION UPHOLDS  
4 L.A.U.P.'S COMMITMENT TONE SURE THAT EVERY FOUR-YEAR-OLD HAS  
5 EQUAL ACCESS TO QUALITY PRESCHOOL EDUCATION AND IS WELL  
6 PREPARED FOR KINDERGARTEN. CONGRATULATIONS ON A WELL-DESERVED  
7 AWARD. [ APPLAUSE ]

8

9 **JANELLE HOLT:** I'M TRULY HONORED TO BE HERE. THANK YOU TO THE  
10 SUPERVISORS FOR HAVING KNEE AND THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR KNABE  
11 FOR ARRANGING THIS PRESENTATION. I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO THANK  
12 L.A.U.P. FOR THEIR -- ALL THEIR WORK THAT THEY DO TO ENSURE  
13 THAT ALL CHILDREN HAVE ACCESS TO A QUALITY PRESCHOOL  
14 EDUCATION. AND I'M REALLY, REALLY PLEASED TO BE HERE. THANK  
15 YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

16

17 **DORA JACILDO:** THANK YOU. I JUST WANTED TO, FIRST OF ALL, SAY  
18 THAT TODAY ON MY CALENDAR, IT SAYS TEACHER OF THE YEAR DAY.  
19 AND SO TODAY IS A SPECIAL DAY IN BOTH RECOGNIZING ALL  
20 TEACHERS, SO I WANTED TO FIRST ACKNOWLEDGE HOW GRATEFUL WE ARE  
21 THAT YOU CHOSE THIS DAY TO RECOGNIZE JANELLE. BUT SECOND, I  
22 WANTED TO THANK THE FOURTH DISTRICT SUPERVISOR DON KNABE, YOUR  
23 AMAZING STAFF. NOT ONLY HAVE YOU BEEN THERE IN SUPPORT OF  
24 EVERYTHING THAT WE DO, BUT WE ALSO GET TO BENEFIT FROM BEING  
25 CELEBRATED BY YOU. SO WE THANK YOU FOR BEING SO THOUGHTFUL IN



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1 SUPPORTING OUR MISSION AND SO GENEROUS WITH YOUR TIME, WITH  
2 YOUR STAFF AND WITH YOUR RESOURCES. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR, THAT'S MY PRESENTATIONS.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CHAIR, MEMBERS, TODAY WE WELCOME SEVERAL  
7 GUESTS TO JOIN US AS WE PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF MAY AS MENTAL  
8 HEALTH MONTH. WITH US IS DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD, WHO IS THE  
9 DIRECTOR OF OUR DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. KEN KONDO IS THE  
10 P.I.O. FOR THE DEPARTMENT. CLAUDIA MUNSEN, U.S. VETS, INC.  
11 STELLA MARCH, NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL HEALTH. JOHN BOWL,  
12 OF THE AD COUNCIL AND GALINA LISS. JERRY LUBIN, CHAIR OF THE  
13 MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION, ROCCO CHENG AND WES HANSEN OF  
14 PACIFIC CLINICS. MANY PEOPLE DON'T REALIZE, BUT ONE IN FIVE  
15 AMERICANS EACH YEAR IS AFFECTED BY MENTAL ILLNESS. AND THE  
16 OCCURRENCE OF MENTAL ILLNESS ALSO COMES WITH SUBSTANCE ABUSE,  
17 WHICH IS A SIGNIFICANT CONCERN THAT REQUIRES INTEGRATED MENTAL  
18 HEALTH TREATMENT. OUR COUNTY HAS MADE A COMMITMENT TO  
19 COMMUNITY-BASED SYSTEMS OF MENTAL HEALTHCARE FOR ALL OF ITS  
20 RESIDENTS. THIS IS A FUNDAMENTAL COMPONENT OF GENERAL HEALTH  
21 AND INDISPENSABLE TO PERSONAL WELL BEING, FAMILY AND  
22 INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MENTAL  
23 HEALTH COMMISSION, ALONG WITH THE L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF  
24 MENTAL HEALTH, HAVE JOINED THE BOARD IN A FOCUSED EFFORT TO  
25 RAISE AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING OF MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL



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1 ILLNESS DURING THIS MONTH. THE DEPARTMENT AND COMMISSION WILL  
2 CO-SPONSOR THE ANNUAL RECOGNITION AWARDS IN MAY AND MENTAL  
3 HEALTH COMMUNITIES AROUND THE COUNTY WILL HOLD SPECIAL EVENTS.  
4 SO NOW WE HAVE THIS PROCLAMATION THAT WE WILL PRESENT AND THEN  
5 ASK OUR SPEAKERS TO SAY A FEW WORDS. ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF  
6 SUPERVISORS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, WE DECLARE THIS MENTAL  
7 HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH. [ APPLAUSE ]

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW LOOK AT THE CAMERAS SO YOU'RE NOT BLOCKED  
10 BY THE PERSON IN FRONT OF YOU.

11

12 **DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD:** I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH  
13 AND THE REST OF THE BOARD FOR THE PROCLAMATION, BUT ALSO FOR  
14 THE LEADERSHIP YOU HAVE GIVEN US IN A VERY IMPORTANT WAY. ONE  
15 OF THE THINGS THAT WE ARE DOING IN OUR MENTAL SYSTEM THESE  
16 DAYS IN TRYING TO MAKE THE PUBLIC AWARE IS THAT THE FOCUS FOR  
17 WHAT WE DO IS NO LONGER ON PROGRAMS AND SERVICES. PROGRAMS AND  
18 SERVICES, EVEN THE BEST PROGRAMS AND SERVICES ARE ONLY A MEANS  
19 TO THE END, AND THE END THAT WE'RE TRYING TO REACH IS HOPE,  
20 WELLNESS, AND RECOVERY IN THE LIVES OF PERSONS SUFFERING FROM  
21 MENTAL ILLNESS IN THEIR FAMILIES. SO EVERYTHING THAT WE DO IS  
22 FOCUSED ON HOPE, ON WELLNESS AND RECOVERY IN PERSONS' LIVES. A  
23 SECOND THING THAT THE BOARD HAS SUPPORTED US IN DOING IS  
24 CREATING PARTNERSHIPS. THE WORK THAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO IN  
25 RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT MENTAL ILLNESS AND ITS EFFECTS IN



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1 PEOPLE'S LIVES CAN'T BE DONE ONLY BY THE MENTAL HEALTH  
2 DEPARTMENT. WE NEED OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS IN AGENCIES BUT  
3 ALSO IN THE ADVERTISING INDUSTRY TO MAKE THAT MESSAGE FORWARD,  
4 SO EVERYBODY GETS TO KNOW THAT THERE IS HOPE FOR RECOVERY IN  
5 THE LIVES OF PERSONS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS. SO I WANTED TO THANK  
6 YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN THAT REGARD. AND ALSO ONE OF THE AREAS  
7 WHERE THERE NEEDS TO BE A SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON HOPE AND  
8 RECOVERY IS IN OUR RETURNING VETERANS. THEY HAVE GONE THROUGH  
9 A LOT, THEY'RE RETURNING TO THEIR COMMUNITIES AND THEY NEED  
10 OUR COMMUNITY SUPPORT SO THAT THEY ACHIEVE THE RECOVERY FROM  
11 THEIR EXPERIENCES. SO I'D LIKE TO INVITE DR. ROCCO CHENG FROM  
12 PACIFIC CLINICS, ONE OF OUR KEY PARTNERS, TO SAY A FEW WORDS  
13 ABOUT WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO ABOUT CREATING HOPE, WELLNESS,  
14 AND RECOVERY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

15

16 **ROCCO CHENG:** THANK YOU, DR. SOUTHARD AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR  
17 ANTONOVICH. AT PACIFIC CLINICS, WE KNOW THAT EVERY DAY WE HAVE  
18 THE OPPORTUNITY TO HELP TURN A LIFE AROUND, AND THEREFORE, WE  
19 WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO HELP RAISE THE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF  
20 MENTAL HEALTH, MENTAL ILLNESS, AND WE ALSO UNDERSTAND, AND  
21 THERE ARE SO MANY STIGMAS AND DISCRIMINATIONS ATTACHED TO  
22 MENTAL ILLNESS. THEREFORE, WE UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS SUCH AN  
23 IMPORTANT TASK FOR US TO WORK TOGETHER TO HELP ALLEVIATE THE  
24 UNNECESSARY PAIN AND SUFFERING ASSOCIATED WITH MENTAL ILLNESS.  
25 WE REALLY APPRECIATE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR PROCLAIMING



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1 MAY AS THE MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH. I BELIEVE STRONGLY  
2 THAT TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A STRONG TEAM TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE.  
3 BEING AN IMMIGRANT MYSELF, I UNDERSTAND THAT IN THE PROCESS OF  
4 IMMIGRATION, IT ALSO CAUSES A LOT OF UNNECESSARY STRESS, WITH  
5 THE FUNDING POSSIBILITY AND RESOURCES INTRODUCED BY MENTAL  
6 HEALTH SERVICE ACT, WE TRULY BELIEVE THAT BUILDING A NEW  
7 PARTNERSHIP WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WITH THE DEPARTMENT  
8 OF MENTAL HEALTH AND MANY, MANY OTHER COMMUNITY AGENCIES, WE  
9 COULD BEGIN TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE MUCH MORE EFFECTIVELY AND  
10 MORE EFFICIENTLY. SO, THANK YOU AGAIN FOR DECLARING MAY AS THE  
11 MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH. [ APPLAUSE ]

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE'RE ALSO GOING TO DECLARE THE MONTH OF  
14 MAY AS MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH. AND WE HAVE REPRESENTATIVES  
15 FROM ABATE, WHICH IS AMERICAN BIKERS AIMED TOWARD EDUCATION OF  
16 CALIFORNIA. LARRY PFAFFLY, WHO IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD.  
17 AND TIM TINAMEN. AND WE'RE HERE TALKING ABOUT SAFETY ON THE  
18 HIGHWAYS, AND THIS IS INTENDED TO HEIGHTEN AWARENESS OF  
19 MOTORISTS ON HIGHWAYS BY RECOGNIZING NATIONAL, STATE AND LOCAL  
20 SAFETY EVENTS FOR MOTORCYCLE RIDERS. THEY PROVIDE AN  
21 ECONOMICAL, ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY ALTERNATIVE TO AUTOMOBILE  
22 TRAVEL, AND ALSO HOBBIES FOR MANY OTHERS, AND CHARITABLE AND  
23 SOCIAL OUTINGS. 80% OF ACCIDENTS BETWEEN MOTORCYCLES AND  
24 AUTOMOBILES STEM FROM AUTOMOBILES BEING AT FAULT. WHAT ABOUT  
25 WHEN YOU HIT AN M.T.A. BUS, WHO'S FAULT IS THAT? WE GET A FEW



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1 OF THOSE AS WELL. IT'S VITAL THAT THE CITIZENS OF OUR COUNTY  
2 BE AWARE ON THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS ABOUT THE NEED FOR  
3 SAFETY, BOTH FOR BUSES, MOTORCYCLES, AND AUTOMOBILES. SO LET  
4 ME PRESENT THIS PROCLAMATION TO YOU AND WISH YOU A SAFE YEAR.

5

6 **LARRY PFAFFLY:** I WANT THANK TO THANK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND  
7 THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR  
8 PROCLAIMING MAY AS MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH IN LOS ANGELES  
9 COUNTY. TIM AND I ACTIVELY PROMOTE MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND  
10 MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS. I'VE COME ACROSS SOME INFORMATION  
11 RECENTLY THAT'S DISTURBING. AS WE SAY EVERY TIME, MOTORCYCLE  
12 DEATHS CONTINUE TO RISE, FROM 318 IN CALIFORNIA IN 2002 TO 433  
13 IN 2006. THE THING THAT I FOUND VERY INTERESTING ABOUT THIS  
14 DATA IS THE MAJORITY OF MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENTS OCCUR BETWEEN  
15 NOON AND 5:00 P.M. THIS IS NOT THE MAJOR RUSH HOUR TIMES, THIS  
16 IS NOT WHEN PEOPLE ARE HECTIC, WHERE THEY'RE TRYING TO GET  
17 HOME OR TO WORK VERY QUICKLY. AND LIKE SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH  
18 STATED, 80% OF THE ACCIDENTS ARE THE FAULT OF THE CAR DRIVERS.  
19 PLEASE TRY NOT TO BE ONE OF THOSE DRIVERS. MOTORCYCLISTS ARE  
20 EVERYWHERE AMONG US. THERE ARE HUSBANDS, WIVES, CHILDREN,  
21 NEIGHBORS, THEY'RE GRANDPA AND GRANDMA. I'M GRANDPA. THEY ARE  
22 YOU, THEY ARE ME. PLEASE HELP US TRY TO KEEP MOTORCYCLISTS  
23 SAFER. THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCLAIMING MAY AS  
24 MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS A STEP



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1 TOWARDS HELPING MOTORCYCLISTS RIDE MORE SAFELY. THANK YOU VERY  
2 MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE'RE GOING TO PROCLAIM ASIAN AMERICAN  
5 PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH FOR THE MONTH OF MAY. PERFECTO  
6 TOBIAS, PRESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY FILIPINO AMERICAN  
7 EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, IRENE HAMA, THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASIAN-  
8 AMERICAN EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, DAVID NIENDO, PRESIDENT OF THE  
9 COUNTY VIETNAMESE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATIONS AND T.B. ZHITHAN, THE  
10 PRESIDENT OF THE L.A. COUNTY CAMBODIAN AMERICAN EMPLOYEES  
11 ASSOCIATION, AS WE JOIN TOGETHER TO PROCLAIM MONTH OF MAY AS  
12 ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH. OUR COUNTY IS VERY  
13 STRENGTHENED BY THE RICH CULTURAL DIVERSITY OF ALL OF OUR  
14 PEOPLE AND WE ARE BLESSED TO BE A NATION THAT WELCOMES  
15 INDIVIDUALS OF ALL RACES, RELIGIONS, AND CULTURAL BACKGROUNDS.  
16 THE TRADITIONS AND VALUES OF THE ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN  
17 COMMUNITY, LOVE OF FAMILY, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, EXCELLENCE IN  
18 EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE HAS STRENGTHENED US AS A  
19 NATION. DURING THIS MONTH, WE CELEBRATE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF  
20 THOSE TALENTED AND HARD-WORKING CITIZENS WHO HAVE RECOGNIZED  
21 THEIR RICH LEGACY AND INGENUITY, PERSEVERANCE, AND  
22 ACHIEVEMENT. MANY OF THESE ASIAN/PACIFIC IMMIGRANTS HAVE COME  
23 TO AMERICA TO DISCOVER THE PROMISE OF OUR NATION AND TO  
24 RECOGNIZE THEIR DREAMS, THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS WERE VERY CRITICAL  
25 IN CREATING A VERY STRONG ECONOMY THAT HAS CREATED MORE JOBS



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1 AND HAVE LOWER UNEMPLOYMENT RATE SINCE THE 1970S. ASIAN-  
2 AMERICAN PACIFIC AMERICANS HAVE WORKED TIRELESSLY TO BUILD OUR  
3 NATIONAL RAILROAD INFRASTRUCTURE, PAVING THE WAY FOR OUR  
4 WESTERN EXPANSION AND GROWTH AS A WORLD LEADER. THEY ALSO ARE  
5 HELPING TO SHAPE L.A. COUNTY'S FUTURE IN THE MEDICAL AND  
6 EDUCATIONAL FIELDS, AND PUBLIC SERVANTS, SCIENTISTS, AND  
7 EXPLORERS, AS WE KNOW HOW WELL THE MARS PROBE AND OTHERS IN  
8 OUTER SPACE HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED BY PEOPLE FROM ALL ETHIC GROUPS  
9 AND MANY FROM THE ASIAN COMMUNITY WHO HAVE BEEN PART OF THOSE  
10 PROGRAMS. THEY CHALLENGE THE MINDS OF OUR NEXT GENERATION,  
11 THEY EXPAND COMMERCE, INNOVATION AND PROBE THE FRONTIERS OF  
12 SPACE WHILE THEY SEARCH FOR THE CURES OF THE WORLD'S DISEASES.  
13 SO SINCE THE EARLIEST DAYS OF AMERICA, PEOPLE OF ALL CULTURES  
14 HAVE TRAVELED TO OUR NATION SEEKING THE PROMISE OF FREEDOM  
15 WITH RESPONSIBILITY, OPPORTUNITY AND JUSTICE AS AN INTEGRAL  
16 PART OF OUR SOCIETY. SO WE NOW PROCLAIM MAY AS ASIAN/PACIFIC  
17 AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH. [ APPLAUSE ]

18  
19 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND MEMBERS OF THE  
20 BOARD. ON BEHALF OF ALL THE ASIAN-AMERICAN EMPLOYEES  
21 ASSOCIATIONS IN L.A. COUNTY, WE ENCOURAGE ALL EMPLOYEES AND  
22 EVERYONE TO VISIT THE ASIAN COMMUNITY AND EXPERIENCE THE MANY  
23 CULTURES AND FOOD FOR AN EXCITING EXPERIENCE. THANK YOU.



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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE'RE GOING TO RECOGNIZE AG DAY L.A., AND  
2   WITH US IS RICHARD IZUKA, WHO IS THE CHIEF DEPUTY OF  
3   AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, PAUL  
4   DUFORD, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT, AND LAURA BLANK,  
5   EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF L.A.C.O.E. L.A. COUNTY FARM BUREAU, AND  
6   MARY LANDAU, PAST PRESIDENT CALIFORNIA WOMEN FOR AGRICULTURE.  
7   WE PROCLAIM MAY 14 THROUGH 15TH AS AG DAY L.A., RECOGNIZING  
8   THE IMPORTANCE AND VALUE IN LEARNING WHERE OUR FOOD AND FIBER  
9   COME FROM. OUR COUNTY HAS RECOGNIZED THIS IMPORTANT GOAL OF  
10   AGRICULTURAL AWARENESS IN DECLARING THIS MAY 14TH THOROUGH 14TH  
11   AS AG DAY. IN HONOR OF THIS TWO-DAY EVENT AT THE FAIRPLEX IN  
12   POMONA TO INTRODUCE AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES TO OUR STUDENTS. THE  
13   DEPARTMENT, ALONG WITH THE CALIFORNIA WOMEN FOR AGRICULTURE IN  
14   THE 48TH AGRICULTURE DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION HAVE  
15   JOINED TOGETHER TO FORM A FOUNDATION WHOSE MISSION IS THE  
16   ANNUAL PRODUCTION OF THIS EVENT. INFORMATION REGARDING A WIDE  
17   ARRAY OF AGRICULTURE PRODUCTION, THEY METHODOLOGIES AND  
18   SUPPORT SERVICES WILL BE PRESENTED TO MORE THAN 4,500 OF OUR  
19   STUDENTS FROM AROUND THE COUNTY. THIS HAS SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE  
20   AS THE COUNTY ENHANCES ITS EFFORTS TOWARD ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE  
21   IN THE WELL BEING OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AND ITS STRATEGIC  
22   PLAN. SO WE HAVE NOW PROCLAIMED THE 14TH AND 15TH AG DAY L.A.  
23   AND WE NEED MORE FIBER, MORE BROCCOLI, MORE GREENS AND MORE  
24   EXERCISE. RIGHT? AND NO COKES. RIGHT? OKAY.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RICHARD, YOU'RE ON.

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3    **RICHARD IZUKA:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. I'D  
4    LIKE TO THANK BOTH YOU AND THE BOARD FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN THIS  
5    EVENT. THIS IS OUR SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY. THOUSANDS OF THIRD AND  
6    FOURTH GRADERS HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN WHERE THEIR  
7    FOOD, FIBER, AND WATER COME FROM, THANKS TO THIS EVENT. AND IN  
8    FACT, IN THE APRIL COUNTY DIGEST, THERE'S ACTUALLY AN ARTICLE  
9    ABOUT AG DAY L.A. FOR THIS YEAR. WE BROUGHT GIFTS TODAY FOR  
10    EACH ONE OF THE SUPERVISORS. AND THIS GIFT IS IN KEEPING WITH  
11    THE BOARD'S DIRECTION ON THE REDUCTION OF THE USE OF PLASTIC  
12    BAGS. SO WE HAVE A REUSEABLE AGGIE SHOPPING BAG FOR YOU.  
13    ANYWAY, WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

14

15    **MARY LANDAU:** ON BEHALF OF CALIFORNIA WOMEN FOR AGRICULTURE AND  
16    THEIR FOUNDING OF AG DAY L.A., I WANTED TO SAY IF YOU WEAR  
17    CLOTHES OR IF YOU EAT FOOD, YOU'RE INVOLVED IN AGRICULTURE.  
18    AND IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT IT, SO WE'RE HERE  
19    TO EDUCATE THE CHILDREN AND COME ALONG WITH US.

20

21    **LAURA BLANK:** HI. I'M LAURA BLANK WITH THE FARM BUREAU. WE'D  
22    LIKE TO INVITE ALL OF YOU TO COME OUT AND SEE AG DAY L.A. AND  
23    SEE ALL THE CHILDREN LEARNING ABOUT AGRICULTURE. IT'S A GREAT  
24    EVENT. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE HAVE A PAIR, THESE ARE TWO LITTLE CUTE  
2   -- I DON'T KNOW, ARE THEY BROTHER AND SISTER? BROTHER AND  
3   SISTER. ONE TAKES AFTER THE FATHER, ONE TAKES AFTER THE  
4   MOTHER, OBVIOUSLY. THEY'RE A SPANIEL MIX, LOLA AND PACO.  
5   THEY'RE EIGHT WEEKS OLD. YOU CAN CALL (562) 728-4644 AND LET'S  
6   SEE, THIS IS PACO. YOU ALWAYS HAVE TO CHECK THE PLUMBING,  
7   ALWAYS HAVE TO CHECK. HERE WE GO. OKAY. THEY'RE LOOKING FOR A  
8   LITTLE HOME. NOW THEY GO AS A SET OR YOU CAN BE VERY CRUEL AND  
9   TAKE ONE. BUT AS ONE WHO HAS TWO LITTLE SISTER LITTLE MINATURE  
10   DACHSIES, THEY GO BETTER AS A SET, THEN THEY HAVE A COMPANION  
11   WHEN YOU'RE NOT HOME. SO, ANYWAY, THESE ARE VERY CUTE. LOOK AT  
12   THEM. ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE? HUH? THEY'RE NOT LIKE THE PIT  
13   BULL THAT BITES, NOW. OKAY. I MEAN, THIS ONE IS GOING TO GIVE  
14   YOU A BIG KISS WHEN YOU COME HOME. TIME OUT, OKAY. ANYWAY,  
15   THESE LITTLE CUTIES WOULD LIKE TO BE ADOPTED, SO YOU CAN CALL  
16   THE NUMBER OR THOSE THAT ARE HERE. AND WE HAVE OTHERS JUST AS  
17   NICE AND SWEET, WITHOUT BOWS OR WITH BOWS. LOOK AT THAT. ZEV,  
18   BARBARA WOULD LOVE YOU TO BRING THESE HOME. OKAY.

19

20   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHILE SHE'S COMING UP, I CAN START. I'LL DO  
21   MY ADJOURNMENTS AND THEN AS SOON AS GLORIA GETS HERE -- I MOVE  
22   THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF  
23   TOMMY TUCKER, A LONG-TIME LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENT, WHO  
24   RECENTLY PASSED AWAY ON APRIL 19TH. HE OWNED AND OPERATED  
25   TOMMY TUCKER'S PLAYROOM ON WASHINGTON BOULEVARD FOR OVER 23



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1 YEARS. HE WAS ALSO A BAIL BONDSMAN FOR 40 YEARS. HE WAS THE  
2 FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN TO HIRE A FEMALE BARMAID IN THE STATE  
3 OF CALIFORNIA. HE HAD THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN ESTABLISHMENT  
4 IN LOS ANGELES TO ACCEPT AN AMERICAN EXPRESS CARD. HE HAD AN  
5 IMPRESSIVE PHOTO GALLERY OF OVER 450 PHOTOGRAPHS OF MANY  
6 ENTERTAINERS, POLITICIANS, ATHLETES AND DEAR FRIENDS. HE  
7 LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS WIFE. WILMA MARSHALL; HIS  
8 CHILDREN, CHRISTOPHER, BRANDON, JAMES, AND MATTHEW TUCKER; AND  
9 HIS IN-LAWS, TOMMIE AND HARRIET MARSHALL. AND MAYBELL HOWARD,  
10 LONG TIME SECOND-DISTRICT RESIDENT WHO PASSED AWAY RECENTLY AT  
11 THE AGE OF 89. DURING HER LIFETIME, SHE ASSISTED IN RAISING  
12 AND CARING FOR FIVE GENERATIONS OF CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN,  
13 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, AND GREAT, GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. SHE  
14 LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY HER DAUGHTER, SALLY SMITH, ALONG  
15 WITH A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS. AND JOSEPHINE "JOSIE"  
16 SHACK, LONG-TIME SECOND DISTRICT RESIDENT AND MOTHER OF ACTIVE  
17 FLORENCE-FIRESTONE COMMUNITY MEMBER, JACKIE STEVENSON. SHE  
18 PASSED AWAY ON APRIL 19TH. SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY  
19 HER DAUGHTERS, JOYCE ROSS, JOANN REED AND, WANDA BUCKLEY; HER  
20 SONS, JACKIE STEVENSON, AND ROBERT SHACK, JUNIOR; ALONG WITH A  
21 HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS. AND RUTH BROTHERS BERRY, A LONG-  
22 TIME RESIDENT OF THE OF THE SECOND DISTRICT, WHO PASSED AWAY  
23 ON MONDAY, MAY 5TH. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, LEROY  
24 BERRY. THEY WERE BOTH VERY ACTIVE IN THE EDUCATION COMMUNITY  
25 AND IN DEMOCRATIC POLITICS. AND SHE WILL BE SORELY MISSED. I



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1 WILL START CALLING THE ITEMS THAT WERE HELD FOR THE PUBLIC.

2 38. WHO IS HOLDING THAT? IS THAT MR. ARNOLD SACHS? OKAY. I'D

3 LIKE TO ASK DR. CLAVREUL TO COME FORWARD. WE'LL START WITH 38,

4 AND THEN I'LL TAKE 12 LAST BECAUSE KNABE WANTS TO SPEAK ON

5 THAT AS WELL. DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICE AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE

6 TO REPORT BACK WITHIN 14 DAYS.

7

8 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

9 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ON ITEM 38, I AM -- HOLD ON A MINUTE.

10 I'M STILL SURPRISED THAT WE ARE USING 23 REGISTRIES. IF WE ARE

11 DOING SO WELL AT HIRING NURSES LIKE WE HAVE BEEN TOLD

12 REPEATEDLY, WHY ARE WE USING 23 DIFFERENT REGISTRIES? DOES NOT

13 SOUND TOO GOOD. ON ITEM NUMBER 12 --

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** LET ME DO 38. MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY

16 YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. 39?

17

18 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** OH, 39. YOU SAID NUMBER 12.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO, I'LL TAKE THAT LAST.

21

22 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** ON ITEM 39, I AM CONCERNED THAT WE ARE

23 HIRING -- AGAIN, WE ARE OUTSOURCING FOR A HOSPITAL PHYSICIAN.

24 I THINK IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO THE COUNTY TO HAVE OUR OWN

25 HOSPITAL TO DIRECT THE PATIENT CARE. THAT WOULD MAKE A LOT OF



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1 SENSE, YOU KNOW, AND I'M VERY CONCERNED OF THAT, ESPECIALLY  
2 WHERE WE ARE TALKING ABOUT A OBLIGATION OF \$21 MILLION. I  
3 THINK THAT'S PRETTY STEEP. I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO LOOK AT  
4 THAT SPECIFIC ITEM. ON NUMBER 12 --

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY  
7 ANTONOVICH. WITH OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM 39 IS APPROVED.  
8 ON NUMBER 96?

9

10 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** WHICH ONE?

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 96.

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14 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** 96. WELL YOU KNOW, YOU'VE GOT TO GIVE  
15 ME MORE THAN THREE MINUTES, I HOPE, FOR ALL OF THOSE ITEMS.  
16 BECAUSE RIGHT NOW I SHOW ONLY ONE MINUTE AND 22 SECONDS.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IF YOU WANT TO SPEAK LONGER ON IT, IT'S  
19 OKAY.

20

21 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** I'M QUITE GOOD TO DELIVER IN A SHORT  
22 PERIOD OF TIME, YOU HAVE TAUGHT ME THAT. BUT ANYWAY, ON 96,  
23 AGAIN, WHY IS IT TAKING SO LONG TO GET A REPORT? I MEAN, WE  
24 HAD ASKED FOR THAT TYPE OF INFORMATION LAST YEAR. I MEAN, THAT  
25 SHOULD BE AN ONGOING INFORMATION. A FEW WEEKS AGO, I REMEMBER



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1 SUPERVISOR MOLINA DEMANDING, YOU KNOW, ALL OF THAT  
2 SPECIFICALLY AND IT IS AGAIN POSTPONED TO JUNE 4TH. DOESN'T  
3 MAKE ANY SENSE. ANYWAY, ON -- WHICH ITEM DO YOU WANT TO GO ON  
4 TO?

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE ON 96--

7

8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MADAM CHAIR, AN 96, THAT ITEM IS BEING  
9 CONTINUED TO JUNE 4TH.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, IT'S CONTINUED TO  
12 JUNE 4TH. 97-A.

13

14 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** NO, WE EXTENDED THE C.E.O. POWER, WE  
15 HAD A WHOLE BUNCH OF DEPUTY UNDER HIM. AND RIGHT NOW ALMOST  
16 EVERY ITEM IS POSTPONED. SOMETHING WRONG IN THAT PICTURE.  
17 WHICH ITEM?

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 97-A, NURSE RECOGNITION WEEK.

20

21 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** WELL, I THINK ON THIS ONE, I WILL HELP  
22 YOU, SINCE I AM A NURSE, AND I'VE WRITTEN A GOOD ARTICLE ABOUT  
23 NURSES' WEEK, I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU SHARE IT WITH MY COLLEAGUE  
24 NURSES IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.

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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED  
2   BY ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. YOU WERE ALSO  
3   HOLDING CS-3.

4  
5   **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES. YOU KNOW, I DON'T LIKE IT, I  
6   DON'T LIKE EVERYTHING DONE UNDER THE CLOAK OF SECRECY.  
7   EVERYTHING DONE WITH MARTIN LUTHER KING IS DONE THAT WAY.  
8   NOTHING HAS BEEN OPEN AND, YOU KNOW, THE BEST WAY TO DIFFUSE  
9   CONCERN FROM THE PUBLIC IS TO BE TRANSPARENT. AND I THINK MANY  
10  OF US WOULD NOT BE SO CRITICAL IF WE WERE NOT, YOU KNOW,  
11  TOTALLY MISGUIDED. ON CS-3, ALL YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT IS REAL  
12  ESTATE. YOU ARE NOT TALKING DOWN ABOUT ANYBODY RUNNING THE--  
13  AN OPERATOR FOR THE HOSPITAL. I THINK THAT SHOULD BE. AND I  
14  WANT TO USE THAT ISSUE TO ALSO BRING THE INTERIM APPOINTMENT  
15  OF DR. SCHUNHOFF. DR. SCHUNHOFF, I THINK YOU ARE TRYING TO  
16  BRING THE PETER PRINCIPAL TO ITS BEST LEVEL. BECAUSE LET ME  
17  TELL YOU, I'VE BEEN MONITORING THIS BOARD SINCE 1999. AND I  
18  CAN TELL YOU, DR. SCHUNHOFF WOULD BE THE LAST PERSON I WOULD  
19  APPOINT TO DIRECT THE FINANCE OF D.H.S. IT WAS IN THE PASADENA  
20  STAR NEWS IN 2002, WHEN DR. SCHUNHOFF SAID IT WOULD BE A  
21  DAUNTING TASK TO ACCOUNT FOR \$83 MILLION. I DON'T KNOW ABOUT  
22  YOU, BUT THAT THAT REALLY CONCERNS ME. AND THAT'S A PERSON YOU  
23  ARE PUTTING IN CHARGE OF DEALING WITH THE BUDGET OF D.H.S.  
24  WHERE WE ARE A MILLION DOLLARS IN THE HOLE. I MEAN, I CANNOT  
25  EVEN BELIEVE THAT. YOU DID NOT NEED AN INTERIM PERSON, YOU



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1 HAVE MR. FUJIOKA THAT WE'RE PAYING HANDSOMELY TO BE IN CHARGE  
2 OF THAT DEPARTMENT. AND HIS MULTIPLE DEPUTIES WE HAVE HAD. SO,  
3 ANYWAY, I THINK THOSE COUPLE OF ARTICLES WILL STAND FOR THE  
4 RECORD AND I THINK THAT THE MORE INCOMPETENT YOU ARE IN L.A.  
5 COUNTY, THE MORE LIKELY YOU ARE TO BE HIRED OR KEPT. I THINK  
6 MAYBE WE SHOULD MAKE A DAY TO RECOGNIZE THE PUBLIC OF L.A.  
7 COUNTY. AND I THINK THIS COULD BE A TIME WHERE NOW WE SHOULD  
8 BE RECOGNIZED FOR WHAT WE DO FOR THE COUNTY. BECAUSE SOME OF  
9 US ARE EXPERT AND I FEEL I'M TALKING FROM AN EXPERT POINT OF  
10 VIEW. BUT OF COURSE I DON'T CHARGE YOU FOR ANYTHING BECAUSE  
11 I'M DOING BECAUSE IT'S THE RIGHT THING. AND I'M NOT ONE OF  
12 YOUR SYCOPHANTS. BUT ANYWAY ONE DAY WILL COME WHEN WE GO TO  
13 VOTE --

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD AND GO TO 12.

16

17 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** AND EXPAND IT FROM FIVE TO NINE. TIME  
18 HAVE COME.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU NEED TO COMMENT ON 12.

21

22 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** 12. YOU KNOW, IT'S A FARCE OF THE  
23 PROCESS HERE, BUT THAT'S OKAY. YEAH BUT YOU KNOW, IT'S OUT OF  
24 CONTEXT. IT'S OUT OF CONTEXT. I DON'T CARE. YOU KNOW, THE SAME  
25 -- TO ASK TO DO IT, YOU KNOW, COME BACK LATER IS ABSURD. I



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1 MEAN, THAT THIS KIND OF STATISTIC YOU PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE. ALL  
2 THEY WOULD HAVE TO DO IS PUSH A COUPLE BUTTONS ON THE COMPUTER  
3 AND TELL YOU HOW MANY VACANCIES THEY HAVE. IT'S ABSURD THAT  
4 THEY ASK YOU A WEEK TO COME BACK WITH THAT INFORMATION. I  
5 MEAN, WE'RE SPENDING BILLIONS IN THIS COUNTY AND NOBODY IS  
6 DOING THE WORK. I THINK THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG IN THAT  
7 PICTURE. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KNABE, YOU WERE  
10 HOLDING 12.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** ABSOLUTELY, I WAS HOLDING THE ITEM. I JUST WANTED  
13 TO MAKE IT CLEAR WHAT I WAS ASKING FOR HERE. THE REASON I HELD  
14 THIS ITEM, AND BECAUSE IT'S REALLY -- THIS INFORMATION TO ME  
15 IS VERY, VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE INVESTIGATE EVERYTHING IN A  
16 DEPARTMENT THAT IS FACING A BUDGET DEFICIT OF UP TO \$300  
17 MILLION FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR. SOME OF THE INFORMATION THAT  
18 WE HAVE SEEN INDICATE THAT THE DEPARTMENT WORKLOAD IS MUCH  
19 LOWER THAN IT WAS A FEW YEARS AGO, YET THE NUMBER OF THE  
20 DEPARTMENT STAFF HAS REMAINED THE SAME AND IN SOME CASES  
21 GOTTEN LARGER. SO WE NEED TO LOOK AT THE MAGNITUDE. AS AN  
22 EXAMPLE, FROM 2003/2004, THE NUMBER OF PATIENT DAYS AT OUR  
23 HOSPITALS HAS DROPPED FROM 574,254 PATIENT DAYS IN '03/'04 TO  
24 492,636 IN '07/'08, WHICH IS ABOUT AN 82,000 REDUCTION. THE  
25 SAME THING HAS HAPPENED IN ADMISSIONS AND THE SAME THING HAS



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1   HAPPENED IN DAILY CENSUS. SO IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE  
2   LOOK AT ALL THESE ISSUES AS WE, YOU KNOW, DEAL WITH THE VERY  
3   SIGNIFICANT ISSUE IN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. THEN AGAIN, THE  
4   OTHER ISSUE INSIDE THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT THAT IS GRAVE CONCERN  
5   AND I HOPE THE C.E.O. AND HUMAN RESOURCES AND EVERYTHING ELSE,  
6   IS THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE, BECAUSE OF LIABILITY ISSUES THAT ARE  
7   ON THE PAYROLL, BUT ACTUALLY NOT WORKING AT ALL, AND SO I HOPE  
8   THAT'S PART OF THE REPORT BACK AS WELL, SO WITH THOSE  
9   COMMENTS, I'D MOVE THE ITEM.

10

11   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.  
12   WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. WE HAVE ITEM 48. MR. SACHS, AND  
13   WHEN YOU COME UP WE'RE GOING TO CALL YOUR ITEMS. BRING  
14   EVERYTHING WITH YOU, PLEASE. WE'RE CALLING ITEM 48.

15

16   **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME BACK. ALTHOUGH, WHO  
17   KNOWS? HOW WAS WASHINGTON? ITEM 48, ONE ON MY ALL-TIME HIT  
18   PARADE. SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL ENFORCEMENT AGENCY. YOU  
19   ACTUALLY ARE GOING TO GET INVOLVED IN THE SUNSHINE CANYON  
20   LANDFILL ENFORCEMENT AGENCY WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. YET  
21   WHEN THE ITEM WAS ON THE AGENDA LAST YEAR, YOU WENT AHEAD AND  
22   APPROVED AN INCREASE FROM 6,000 TONS PER DAY, 36,000 TONS A  
23   WEEK, TO 12,100 TONS PER DAY, 66,000 TONS PER WEEK, AND HAD A  
24   LAME EXCUSE FROM SOMEBODY SAYING THAT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN  
25   THE 72.6, WHAT THE MATH ADDS OUT TO BE, AND THE 66,000 TONS



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1 WAS SOIL THAT WAS USED AS FILL FOR COVERING THE LANDFILL SO  
2 THAT THE DEBRIS WOULDN'T BLOW AWAY. THAT BEING THE CASE, THE  
3 ITEM THAT YOU APPROVED WAS FOR INTAKE, NUMBER ONE. AND, NUMBER  
4 TWO, IF YOU WERE USING SOIL AT THE NEW RATE, YOU WOULD HAVE  
5 BEEN USING SOIL AT THE OLD RATE SO THAT THE LANDFILL WOULDN'T  
6 BE 36,000 TONS. AND YET YOU WANT TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH  
7 STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS. I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT THEY THINK  
8 WHEN THEY SEE THAT ITEM ON THE AGENDA OR THEY'LL NEVER SEE IT.  
9 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND YOUR ANSWERS.

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE NEXT TIME WE'RE GOING TO CALL FOR YOU  
12 IS 52. MOVED BY ANTONOVICH ON 48, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.  
13 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. WE'RE CALLING 52.

14

15 **ARNOLD SACHS:** 52, YOU'RE CALLING FOR FUNDING TO THE GOVERNANCE  
16 COUNCIL, FOR GATEWAY CITIES TO DO A STUDY E.I.S. FOR  
17 INTERSTATE 10 CORRIDOR. WHAT IS THE LIMITS -- WHAT DOES THE  
18 CORRIDOR BOUNDARIES CONSIST OF? BECAUSE WE'VE HAD DISCUSSIONS  
19 WITH M.T.A. OR M.T.A. HAS COME UP WITH CORRIDORS WHERE THE  
20 WILSHIRE CORRIDOR IS FROM WILSHIRE BOULEVARD TO WHO KNOWS  
21 WHERE. THAT'S WHY THEY ENDED UP DIGGING A SUBWAY AT FAIRFAX  
22 AND THIRD, WHICH HAS NO CONNECTION TO THE WILSHIRE CORRIDOR.  
23 AND YET IT WAS THE CAUSE FOR THE RED LINE BEING DISCONTINUED  
24 BACK IN THE MID '90S. ALSO, THE CITY OF L.A. JUST PASSED AN  
25 ITEM ON THEIR AGENDA FOR THE FINANCIAL AGREEMENT FOR THE MID-



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1 CITY CITY EXPOSITION LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT PROJECT. NOWHERE IN  
2 ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THE EXPOSITION LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT  
3 PROJECT IS THE TERM "MID-CITY" USED EXCEPT IN THE L.A. CITY  
4 COUNCIL. AND FINALLY --

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY -- 52 -- I'M SORRY.

7

8 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THE METRO BOARD HAS THE 710 FREEWAY COMMITTEE.  
9 WHAT IS THEIR -- WHAT IS THEIR PURVIEW, OR WOULD THAT BE  
10 REDUNDANT TO WHAT THE STUDY HELD BY THE GATEWAY CITY COUNCIL?  
11 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND YOUR ANSWERS.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY  
14 YAROSLAVSKY. ITEM 52 IS APPROVED. WE'LL CALL ITEM 55.

15

16 **ARNOLD SACHS:** WELL, 55 -- ACTUALLY, 55 THROUGH 59, AND THE  
17 ONLY REASON I PUT 58 AND 56 DOWN, I WOULD DO 58 AND 56, IF YOU  
18 DON'T MIND, DEALING WITH FUNDING, THE DISTRICTS ARE PROVIDING  
19 \$3.293 MILLION, A LITTLE OVER 3,293,000 DOLLARS FOR A PARA-  
20 TRANSIT SERVICE. MY CONCERNS WITH DISTRICT 58 AND 56 IS THAT  
21 ONE DISTRICT IS PROVIDING \$175,000 FOR LA RAMBLA, AND THE  
22 OTHER DISTRICT IS PROVIDING ANOTHER \$25,000 FOR THE SAME PARA-  
23 TRANSIT SERVICE. SO I FIND THAT A LITTLE BIT REDUNDANT, BUT I  
24 WOULD ALSO LIKE TO KNOW IS THIS MONEY BEING PROVIDED FOR  
25 PRIVATE NONPROFIT OR PRIVATE FOR-PROFIT PARA-TRANSIT PROVIDERS



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1 OR IS IT GOING TO THE COMMUNITIES THAT OFFER PARA-TRANSIT  
2 SERVICE? AND IF IT'S ALSO PRIVATE CONTRACTORS THAT PROVIDE  
3 SEDANS FOR A PORTION OF THEIR PARA-TRANSIT SERVICE INVOLVED IN  
4 THIS FUNDING. BECAUSE IF THEY'RE INVOLVED, I'D LIKE TO KNOW IF  
5 THERE'S A MECHANISM IN PLACE TO MAKE SURE THAT THE SEDANS THAT  
6 ARE LABELED ACCESS SERVICES AVAILABLE HAVE DRIVERS THAT ARE  
7 ACCESS SERVICES QUALIFIED. OTHERWISE, THEY'RE NOT ACCOUNTABLE  
8 FOR ACCESS SERVICES PROVIDING. AND ALSO, ONE OTHER THING, WITH  
9 THIS FUNDING BE PROVIDED, IS THERE AN AUDIT BY ACCESS SERVICES  
10 INCORPORATED, OR WILL IT BE PROVIDED BY THE RESTRUCTURED  
11 NONPROFIT INDEPENDENT AGENCY THAT I WILL BE READING FROM THE  
12 METRO COUNTY LIBRARY, WHICH I HAVE RIGHT HERE, LOS ANGELES  
13 TRANSIT HISTORY, THE ACCESS SERVICES. BECAUSE THEY ARE  
14 DIFFERENT AGENCIES, AND IT'S REDUNDANT THERE, TOO. THANK YOU  
15 FOR YOUR TIME AND YOUR ANSWERS.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON 55, MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY  
18 YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ON 58, MOVED BY  
19 KNABE, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.  
20 ON 59, MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT  
21 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. I'LL TURN IT OVER TO SUPERVISOR  
22 YAROSLAVSKY FOR YOUR ADJOURNMENTS.

23



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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, I DO NOT BELIEVE I HAVE ANY  
2   ADJOURNMENTS. I'D LIKE TO CALL UP -- OH, I'M SORRY. I DO HAVE  
3   ADJOURNMENTS.

4

5   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, WHILE YOU'RE DOING THAT, I'LL CALL UP  
6   95.

7

8   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. THANK YOU.

9

10   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THAT HELD FOR DISCUSSION? IS THERE --

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12   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YES. THAT ITEM IS BEING HELD FOR  
13   DISCUSSION.

14

15   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE ANYONE THAT WISHES TO CALL ANYONE  
16   FROM THE DEPARTMENT? IF NOT, MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY --

17

18   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM 95, WE WERE HOLDING FOR DISCUSSION.

19

20   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

21

22   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK I WANTED TO SPEAK ON THAT.

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24   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARE THERE SOME PEOPLE WHO HAVE ASKED TO  
25   SPEAK?



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 95, YES, THERE'S A COUPLE.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OH, HERE THEY ARE. WHY DON'T YOU DO YOUR  
5 ADJOURNMENTS?

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. I HAVE TWO ADJOURNING MOTIONS. FIRST,  
8 ANTONIA MENA, COMMUNITY LEADER WHO SUCCUMBED TO BREAST CANCER  
9 AT THE AGE OF 44. WITH HER HUSBAND, JUAN, ANTONIA CO-FOUNDED  
10 THE ORGANIZATION FUERZA MATRIMONIAL MORE THAN A DECADE AGO IN  
11 PANORAMA CITY. ITS MISSION IS TO SERVE THE LARGER SAN FERNANDO  
12 COMMUNITY BY OFFERING FREE COUNSELING AND TO SUPPORT AND  
13 ENCOURAGE COUPLES TO STAY TOGETHER IN STRONG AND HEALTHY  
14 MARRIAGES. SHE DIED TOO SOON, NO QUESTION ABOUT THAT. SHE IS  
15 SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, JUAN, TWO DAUGHTERS, YADIRA MENA, AND  
16 JOANNA. AND A SON, JUAN ANTONIO. SECONDLY, I'D LIKE TO ASK  
17 THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF IVO HADJIEV, LONG-TIME  
18 HISTORICAL CONSULTANT FOR THE COUNTY'S VIRGINIA ROBISON  
19 GARDENS AND LONG-TIME MAJOR DOMO, RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE  
20 AGE OF 80. I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF GETTING TO KNOW HIM A LITTLE  
21 BIT WHEN I BECAME A COUNTY SUPERVISOR. HE WAS QUITE A  
22 CHARACTER, A HIGHLY EDUCATED AND CULTURED EUROPEAN GENTLEMAN  
23 FROM AN EARLIER GENERATION AND HE WAS A POLITICAL REFUGEE FROM  
24 COMMUNIST BULGARIA WHEN HE ENCOUNTERED MRS. HARRY ROBINSON  
25 WHILE TRAVELING THROUGH THE UNITED STATES IN 1969. HE WAS



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1 OFFERED A POSITION ON HER STAFF. AFTER SHE PASSED AWAY IN  
2 1977, IVO WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN MANAGING THE ESTATE'S TRANSITION  
3 FROM HER PRIVATE RESERVE TO ONE OF THE MOST CHERISHED AND  
4 DISTINCTIVE ASSETS IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PARK SYSTEM.  
5 THERE WAS A DONATION MADE TO THE COUNTY, VIRGINIA ROBISON  
6 GARDENS, AND IT WAS QUITE SPECIAL. IVO IS SURVIVED BY HIS MANY  
7 FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES AT THE VIRGINIA ROBINSON GARDENS. ASK  
8 THAT WE ADJOURN IN THEIR MEMORY.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WOULD YOU CALL 95? IT'S HELD FOR  
11 DISCUSSION. WE HAVE TWO PEOPLE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON IT.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHY DON'T WE HEAR FROM THE PEOPLE?

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. BRIAN GURWITZ.

16

17 **BRIAN GURWITZ:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIRWOMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE  
18 BOARD. MY NAME IS BRIAN GURWITZ, AND I'M REGIONAL COUNSEL FOR  
19 THE RECORDING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA. THE R.I.A.A. IS  
20 THE TRADE ASSOCIATION MADE UP OF MEMBER COMPANIES THAT CREATE,  
21 MANUFACTURER AND DISTRIBUTE APPROXIMATELY 90% OF THE  
22 LEGITIMATE SOUND RECORDINGS PRODUCED AND SOLD IN THE U.S. ON  
23 BEHALF OF R.I.A.A. AND ALL OF OUR MEMBER COMPANIES, WE WOULD  
24 LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR VERY DEEP GRATITUDE TO THIS BOARD FOR  
25 TAKING UP THIS ORDINANCE FOR CONSIDERATION. THIS BOARD HAS



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1 TAKEN A TRUE LEADERSHIP POSITION NATIONALLY IN COMBATING  
2 PIRACY OF MUSIC AND OTHER GOODS IN THIS FASHION. AND THE  
3 EFFORTS OF THIS BOARD ARE CERTAINLY WORTH IT. NOT ONLY IS  
4 PIRACY INEXTRICABLY INTERTWINED WITH VARIOUS FORMS OF  
5 ORGANIZED CRIME, BUT AS IT RELATES TO MUSIC, PIRACY IS  
6 DEVASTATING TO ONE OF THE COUNTY'S GREATEST EXPORTS AND  
7 CULTURAL SYMBOLS. ACCORDING TO A RECENT STUDY CONDUCTED BY THE  
8 L.A. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
9 LOST \$432 MILLION IN TAX REVENUE AND LOCAL BUSINESSES WERE  
10 CHEATED OUT OF \$5.2 BILLION IN LOST SALES DUE TO GLOBAL PIRACY  
11 AND COUNTERFEITING. SO, AGAIN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH ON BEHALF  
12 OF R.I.A.A. AND I'M AVAILABLE FOR ANY QUESTIONS THE BOARD MAY  
13 HAVE.

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15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARE THERE QUESTIONS?

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHY DON'T WE HEAR FROM MELISSA.

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MELISSA PATAK.

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21 **MELISSA PATAK:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,  
22 MY NAME IS MELISSA PATAK. AND I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE  
23 MOTION PICTURE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA AND OUR MEMBER  
24 COMPANIES, DISNEY, FOX, PARAMOUNT, SONY, UNIVERSAL, AND WARNER  
25 BROTHERS. WE SUPPORT THIS ORDINANCE, AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR



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1 LEADERSHIP IN HELPING US COMBAT PIRACY. I CAN GO INTO THE  
2 REASONS FOR IT, YOU ALL KNOW THE SCOPE OF THE PROBLEM AND THE  
3 DEPTH OF THE PROBLEM AND I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.  
4 AND, AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR HELPING US TAKE ON THIS BATTLE.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, IF I CAN JUST SAY FEW WORDS ON  
7 THIS. FIRST OF ALL, LET ME THANK BOTH OF YOU FOR NOT ONLY FOR  
8 COMING DOWN TODAY AND TESTIFYING, BUT FOR YOUR ROLE IN THE  
9 TASK FORCE IN BRINGING THIS WHOLE MATTER TO OUR COLLECTIVE  
10 ATTENTION. THIS HAS BEEN THE PRODUCT OF A JOINT TASK FORCE  
11 BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE COUNTY IN THE INDUSTRY, OF COURSE, OF  
12 HOW TO DEAL WITH THIS REALLY OUTRAGEOUS PROBLEM. A FEW FACTS  
13 ARE IN ORDER. IN 2005, MUSIC AND MOVIE COMPANIES BASED IN LOS  
14 ANGELES COUNTY LOST AN ESTIMATED \$5.2 BILLION AS A RESULT OF  
15 THE SALE OF COUNTERFEIT COMPACT DISKS AND DVDS. THE BLACK  
16 MARKET FOR THESE GOODS DIVERTED \$2 BILLION FROM THE LEGITIMATE  
17 RETAIL SECTOR RIGHT HERE IN LOS ANGELES. THESE CRIMES COST OUR  
18 COUNTY ABOUT 106,000 JOBS AND AT LEAST \$483 MILLION IN STATE  
19 AND LOCAL TAX REVENUE. SO THIS IS NOT A SMALL PROBLEM. IT'S A  
20 BIG PROBLEM AND IT HAS BIG ECONOMIC IMPACTS, ESPECIALLY HERE  
21 IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. THE SALE OF COUNTERFEIT GOODS, AS WAS  
22 INDICATED BY THE PUBLIC TESTIMONY, THE SALE OF PUBLIC GOODS ON  
23 STREET CORNERS AND AT SWAP MEETS IS INCREASINGLY CONTROLLED BY  
24 ORGANIZED CRIMINALS AND HAS THEREFORE BECOME A GATEWAY TO  
25 CRIMINAL ACTIVITY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND IT RESULTS IN VIOLENCE,



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1 DRUG DEALING AND OTHER SOCIAL PROBLEMS AND CRIMINAL PROBLEMS.  
2 IN JULY OF LAST YEAR, I INTRODUCED A MOTION DIRECTING THE  
3 COUNTY TO CREATE A TASK FORCE OF COUNTY DEPARTMENTS THAT WOULD  
4 EVALUATE OUR ABILITY TO COMBAT THE PROBLEM OF PIRACY AND  
5 COUNTERFEIT GOODS. THE MOTION INCLUDED LANGUAGE THAT ASKED THE  
6 COUNTY STAFF TO LOOK TO NEW YORK AS A MODEL OF A JURISDICTION  
7 THAT HAD SUCCESSFULLY FOUGHT PIRACY AND AGGRESSIVELY FOUGHT  
8 IT. THE CITY HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN A SIMILAR EFFORT. WE'VE BEEN  
9 WORKING TOGETHER WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES ON THAT EFFORT.  
10 OUR ORDINANCE, THE ONE THAT'S BEFORE US TODAY, IS MODELED  
11 AFTER THE SUCCESSFUL NEW YORK STATUTES, AND IT WORKS WITHIN  
12 THE LIMITS OF EXISTING STATE LAW. IT SETS TOUGH FINANCIAL  
13 PENALTIES FOR POSSESSING, SELLING OR MANUFACTURING COUNTERFEIT  
14 OR PIRATED GOODS. IT ALLOWS THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY OR THE  
15 COUNTY COUNSEL TO ASK A JUDGE TO CLOSE DOWN A PROPERTY WHERE  
16 THIS KIND OF ILLEGAL ACTIVITY IS OCCURRING. AND IT ALLOWS THE  
17 DISTRICT ATTORNEY OR COUNTY COUNSEL TO GET A RESTRAINING ORDER  
18 AGAINST PEOPLE WHO ENGAGE IN THESE KINDS OF ACTIVITIES. GOING  
19 FORWARD FROM HERE, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY HAS DRAFTED STATE  
20 LEGISLATION THAT WOULD EXPAND THESE PRINCIPLES STATEWIDE. THE  
21 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SHOULD WORK WITH THE D.A. TO ENCOURAGE  
22 THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO TAKE UP THIS FIGHT. WE SHOULD  
23 CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE SHERIFF AND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
24 AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS TO CONTINUE IDENTIFYING PROBLEM  
25 LOCATIONS AND PUT THE NEW TOOLS PROVIDED BY THIS ORDINANCE



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1 INTO EFFECT. THE SOONER THE BETTER. AND CONTINUE TO WORK WITH  
2 OUR INDUSTRY PARTNERS AND FRIENDS IN THE CITY WHO EVALUATE THE  
3 EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS ORDINANCE AND FIND NEW WAYS COMBAT THIS  
4 PROBLEM. I WANT TO THANK THE SHERIFF, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT,  
5 THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND HIS DEPARTMENT, THE COUNTY COUNSEL,  
6 ESPECIALLY FOR HELPING DRAFT THIS. AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
7 OFFICER WHO PLAYED A CRITICAL ROLE IN THE DRAFTING OF THIS  
8 ORDINANCE. THE MOTION PICTURE ASSOCIATION, THE RECORDING  
9 INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION, OAKLEY, ROLEX, AND OTHER INDUSTRY  
10 PARTNERS HAVE OFFERED EXPERTISE AND SHARED EXAMPLES OF BEST  
11 MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY AND THEY'VE BEEN  
12 TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, INCORPORATED INTO THIS ORDINANCE. I  
13 WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE SINGULAR EFFORTS OF COUNCILMAN WENDY  
14 GREUEL OF CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND OTHER CITY LEADERS WHO HAVE  
15 ALSO BEEN FIGHTING TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE AT THE CITY LEVEL AND  
16 TO BRING ATTENTION TO THIS ISSUE. COUNCILMAN GREUEL IS WORKING  
17 ON HAVING THE CITY ADOPT AN ORDINANCE SIMILAR TO THE ONE WE  
18 ARE ABOUT TO ADOPT THAT WOULD EXPAND OUR REGIONAL ABILITY TO  
19 FIGHT THE COUNTERFEITING PROBLEM. AND I THINK IT'S CRITICAL  
20 THAT THE CITY AND THE COUNTY WORK TOGETHER ON THIS, AND HAVE A  
21 SEAMLESS ENFORCEMENT MECHANISM. SO I THINK THIS IS A REALLY  
22 IMPORTANT DAY FOR US. AND I AM FAMILIAR SOMEWHAT WITH THE NEW  
23 YORK EXPERIENCE AND IT'S BEEN WELL DOCUMENTED IN THE NEWS AND  
24 IN SPECIAL PROGRAMS. THEY ARE RUTHLESS AND RELENTLESS ABOUT  
25 THIS BECAUSE, AT THE END OF THE DAY, THESE COUNTERFEITERS ARE



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1 STEALING OTHER PEOPLE'S LABOR. THEY'RE STEALING OTHER PEOPLE'S  
2 CREATIVE AND INTELLECTUAL RIGHTS AND PROPERTY. AND IT'S NO  
3 DIFFERENT THAN IF YOU WALK INTO A STORE AND STEAL A BAG OF  
4 POTATO CHIPS OR ROB A BANK. WHEN YOU TAKE SOMEBODY'S CREATIVE  
5 PROPERTY AND FORGE IT AND THEN SELL IT ON THE MARKETPLACE, IT  
6 DIMINISHES THE VALUE OF THE APPROPRIATE INDIVIDUAL'S PROPERTY  
7 VALUE, AND ASIDE FROM WHICH, IT'S JUST PLAIN MORALLY WRONG. SO  
8 THIS IS A TOOL THAT WE'RE GOING TO USE TO ENFORCE WHAT'S  
9 MORALLY RIGHT AND WHAT'S LEGALLY RIGHT. THE COUNTY COUNSEL HAS  
10 MADE SOME TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS, SO ANYBODY WANTS TO GO THROUGH  
11 THEM, THEY CAN. BUT THEY'RE ATTACHED TO THE REPORT, I BELIEVE,  
12 AND THE ORDINANCE AND I WOULD MOVE THIS ITEM WITH THE COUNTY  
13 COUNSEL'S AMENDMENTS.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL NOW HAVE A READING OF THE TITLE.

16

17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE  
18 BOARD. THIS IS JUST TO READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD.  
19 THIS IS AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 13.90 TO TITLE 13, PUBLIC  
20 PEACE, MORALS, AND WELFARE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE TO  
21 ESTABLISH THE COUNTY'S COUNTERFEIT GOODS NUISANCE ABATEMENT  
22 LAW TO ADDRESS PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH PROPERTIES USED FOR  
23 THE MANUFACTURER, DISTRIBUTION AND SALE OF COUNTERFEIT GOODS  
24 IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY  
2    ANTONOVICH.

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4    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WITH THE COUNTY COUNSEL'S AMENDMENTS.

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6    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITH THE COUNTY COUNSEL'S AMENDMENTS.  
7    WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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9    **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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11    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU TO BOTH OF YOU.

12

13    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OF COURSE THE COUNTY LOSES MONEY, TOO, WHEN  
14    WE HAVE THESE COUNTERFEITERS. SUPERVISOR?

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16    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK I HAVE -- HAVE WE DONE ALL THE  
17    PUBLIC ITEMS?

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19    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES.

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21    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HAVE WE DONE THE LANDFILL ITEM YET?

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23    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES. DID YOU HAVE A COMMENT ON IT?

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO, NO, I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE WE... I  
2   WANTED TO PLAY A ROLE IN THIS MEETING AND I WAS LOOKING  
3   FORWARD TO CALLING ONE UP. [ LIGHT LAUGHTER ]

4  
5   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. I'M DONE.

6  
7   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I DON'T MEAN TO JUST PUSH EVERYTHING  
8   THROUGH. SUPERVISOR KNABE FOR YOUR ADJOURNMENTS.

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10   **SUP. KNABE:** ARE WE LIVE?

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12   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES.

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14   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T KNOW.

15  
16   **SUP. KNABE:** FIRST OF ALL, I MOVE TODAY THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN IN  
17   MEMORY OF LORRAINE HOLMES, RESIDENT OF GREATER SOUTH BAY AREA  
18   FOR 48 YEARS. SHE PASSED AWAY ON APRIL 23RD AT THE TORRANCE  
19   MEMORIAL HOSPITAL. SHE WAS 90 YEARS OLD. MISS HOLMES RETIRED  
20   FROM HUGHES AIRCRAFT AND AFTER RETIREMENT BECAME A VERY  
21   ACTIVE, QUIET, GENTLE VOLUNTEER WHO READ TO THE BLIND, TAUGHT  
22   THE ILLITERATE TO READ AND ENRICHED THE LIVES OF MANY. HER  
23   SPIRIT OF GIVING AND HELPING WAS CONSISTENT WITH HER STRONG  
24   CHRISTIAN FAITH AND HER UPBRINGING DURING THE DIFFICULT YEARS  
25   OF THE GREAT DEPRESSION. LORRAINE IS SURVIVED BY HER ONLY SON,



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1 BOB HOLMES, FORMER MAYOR OF MANHATTAN BEACH AND A GOOD FRIEND.  
2 THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS TO BOB. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF  
3 J. KIMBALL WALKER. HE WAS A THREE-TERM MAYOR OF BELLFLOWER,  
4 PASSED AWAY ON APRIL 17TH AT THE AGE OF 83. HE WAS A NAVY  
5 LIEUTENANT DURING WORLD WAR II, RECEIVED HIS LAW DEGREE FROM  
6 THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING, WORKED FOR THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT  
7 IN SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES, STARTED A PRACTICE IN  
8 BELLFLOWER. THEN IN 1962, TURNED TO PUBLIC OFFICE AND SERVED  
9 THREE TERMS AS COUNCILMAN AND MAYOR. HE AND HIS WIFE, EMILY,  
10 MADE CITY HISTORY WHEN THEY BECAME THE FIRST HUSBAND AND WIFE  
11 PAIR TO HAVE SERVED AS MAYORS. IN 1976, HE WAS APPOINTED TO  
12 THE BELLFLOWER COURTHOUSE AND WAS A SUPERVISING JUDGE IN  
13 NORWALK WHEN HE WAS ELEVATED TO THE LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT  
14 IN 1980. HE RETIRED IN 1992 AND MOVED TO BISHOP TO BE CLOSER  
15 TO HIS DAUGHTER. KIM IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 61 YEARS; AND  
16 A SON, BRADLEY; DAUGHTERS, JANICE, KIMBERLEE, AND TERRY; AND  
17 THREE GRANDDAUGHTERS.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED. ALL MEMBERS.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF  
22 CHRISTOPHER WOOTTON, A 21-YEAR-OLD FROM BELLFLOWER. MANY OF  
23 YOU HAVE PROBABLY READ ABOUT THIS IN THE PAPER THE LAST A  
24 COUPLE OF DAYS. HE WAS A SENIOR AT U.C. BERKELEY AND WAS  
25 FATALLY STABBED THIS PAST SATURDAY NIGHT. HE ATTENDED STEVE



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1 [STEPHEN] FOSTER ELEMENTARY AND MAYFAIR MIDDLE AND HIGH  
2 SCHOOL, GRADUATED IN 2004. HE WAS TO HAVE GRADUATED THIS MONTH  
3 AND WAS GOING ON FOR HIS MASTER'S DEGREE IN NUCLEAR  
4 ENGINEERING. HE WAS A VERY NICE YOUNG MAN, HE'LL BE SORELY  
5 MISSED BY HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND A REAL TRAGEDY. SURVIVED  
6 BY HIS FATHER, JAMES, BROTHER JOSH AND GRANDMOTHER SHARON.  
7 ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM WILLIAMSON, A  
8 RESIDENT OF REDONDO BEACH WHO PASSED AWAY ON APRIL 10TH.  
9 AGAIN, HE WAS ONLY 16 YEARS OLD, ATTENDED REDONDO BEACH HIGH  
10 SCHOOL. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE REDONDO BEACH HIGH LA CROSSE  
11 TEAM AND ICE CLUB HOCKEY TEAM, BIG FAN OF THE KINGS. HE WAS  
12 VERY INVOLVED WORKING WITH THE PANCREATIC CANCER ACTION  
13 NETWORK. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS, SILVIA AND BILL;  
14 BROTHERS, NICKOLAS, JOSHUA; AND SISTER, KRISTINA. ALSO WE  
15 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF HUMBOLDT COUNTY SUPERVISOR ROGER RODONI.  
16 HE PASSED AWAY IN A CAR COLLISION ON HIS WAY TO A COMMUNITY  
17 MEETING. HE, LAST 11 YEARS, WAS PROUDLY SERVING THE PEOPLE OF  
18 HUMBOLDT COUNTY. HE WAS MY COLLEAGUE ON C.S.A.C. AND WILL BE  
19 SORELY MISSED. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, JOHANNA; SONS,  
20 RUSSELL, RONAN, AND RONALD; DAUGHTER, MONICA, AND FIVE  
21 GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF EUGENE  
22 KELLOGG, LIFETIME RESIDENT OF SAN PEDRO WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE  
23 AGE OF 90. HE WORKED HIS ENTIRE LIFE IN THE LUMBER INDUSTRY  
24 AND JOINED HIS FATHER AND TWO BROTHERS AT KELLOGG LUMBER AND  
25 SUPPLY COMPANY, IN LOMITA. HE WAS VERY ACTIVE HIN HIS



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1 COMMUNITY, WAS A MEMBER OF THE LA RAMBLA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
2 IN SAN PEDRO. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS FOUR CHILDREN, DON, JUDY,  
3 RICHARD AND JOHN; 15 GRANDCHILDREN, AND 16 GREAT  
4 GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF CHARLES  
5 HILLINGER, A PENINSULA RESIDENT AND FORMER "L.A. TIMES"  
6 COLUMNIST WHO PASSED AWAY RECENTLY. HE WAS OF 82. HE IS  
7 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 59 YEARS, ARLIENE; DAUGHTER, TORI;  
8 SON, BRAD; AND FOUR GRANDAUGHTERS. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE  
9 MEMORY OF WILLIAM ROBERT WYATT, LONG-TIME LAKEWOOD RESIDENT  
10 WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 85. HE GRADUATED FROM U.S.C.  
11 WITH A DEGREE OF CIVIL ENGINEERING, SERVED IN THE AIR FORCE  
12 DURING WORLD WAR II. HE FOUNDED WYATT AUTOMATIC PRODUCTS AND  
13 RAN THE MANUFACTURING COMPANY FOR 42 YEARS. VERY ACTIVE GOLFER  
14 AND WAS A VERY GENEROUS MAN. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 65  
15 YEARS, ELEANOR; DAUGHTERS, DIAN; SON WILLIAM; FOUR  
16 GRANDCHILDREN, FIVE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. FINALLY, DAVID  
17 SHEPHERD WHO PASSED AWAY, A RESIDENT OF HARBOR CITY. HE JOINED  
18 THE CALIFORNIA NATIONAL GUARD IN 1940 AND SOON FOUND HIMSELF  
19 AS A SERGEANT IN CHARGE OF ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUN ON DECEMBER 7TH,  
20 1941. HE SERVED THROUGHOUT THE PACIFIC THEATRE FOR THE  
21 DURATION OF WORLD WAR II. AFTER THE WAR, HE JOINED THE LOS  
22 ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT, WHERE HE SERVED 30 YEARS.  
23 WORKED AS A FIRE FIGHTER, ENGINEER, FIRE PREVENTION OFFICER.  
24 HE RETIRED IN 1975. HE WORKED AS A FIRE SAFETY EXPERT ON MANY  
25 MOVIES AND TELEVISION SETS FOR ALL THE MAJOR STUDIOS, LIFELONG



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1 MEMBER OF THE REDONDO BEACH ELK'S LODGE, AND WAS VOTED ELK OF  
2 THE YEAR IN 1978. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS TWO SONS, RON AND  
3 DOUGLAS, SIX GRANDCHILDREN, AND FOUR GREAT GRANDCHILDREN.  
4 MADAM CHAIR, THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** I HELD ITEMS 1-D AND 2-H. THE QUESTION I HAD  
9 PROBABLY FOR THE C.E.O. AND FOR MAYBE -- YOU KNOW, WE'VE HAD  
10 SOME ISSUES IN AUDITS WITH THIS DEPARTMENT OVER THE LAST  
11 SEVERAL YEARS, AND I JUST WANT, YOU KNOW, SOME COMMENT THAT  
12 WHEN WE HIRE THESE FOLKS, THEY WERE THERE DURING THAT  
13 PARTICULAR TIME. AND I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY  
14 WEREN'T PART OF THE PROBLEM, SO I DON'T KNOW WHO CAN ANSWER  
15 THAT, BILL OR CARLOS.

16

17 **CARLOS JACKSON:** SUPERVISOR, THIS IS A NEW FIRM FOR US IN TERMS  
18 TO DO THE FINANCIAL AUDITS. THEY WERE NOT THERE DURING THE  
19 YEARS OF '04/'05, '05/06.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** BOTH CONTRACTS?

22

23 **CARLOS JACKSON:** YES.

24



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1   **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY. THANK YOU WITH. WITH THAT, I'LL MOVE THE  
2   ITEMS.

3

4   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH. I'D  
5   LIKE TO SAY CARLOS, IT'S GOOD NEWS THAT WE RECEIVED THAT ALL  
6   OF THOSE ISSUES HAVE BEEN RESOLVED AS FAR AS THE SECTION 8.  
7   CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU. WITHOUT OBJECTION, ITEM 1-D IS  
8   APPROVED.

9

10   **SUP. KNABE:** I WASN'T HOLDING ANYTHING ELSE.

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12   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HMM?

13

14   **SUP. KNABE:** I WASN'T HOLDING ANYTHING ELSE.

15

16   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND WITHOUT OBJECTION, 2-H IS MOVED BY  
17   KNABE, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.  
18   SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. DID YOU HAVE ANY ADJOURNMENTS,  
19   SUPERVISOR MOLINA? SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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21   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES. I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING  
22   ADJOURNMENTS. ANA BUNTICH, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 95.  
23   SHE HAD BEEN BORN IN CROATIA AND IMMIGRATED TO LOS ANGELES  
24   COUNTY IN 1958, WHERE SHE MADE HER HOME WITH HER LATE HUSBAND,  
25   JOHN, FOR HALF A CENTURY. SHE IS SURVIVED BY FIVE OF HER SEVEN



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1 CHILDREN, 14 GRANDCHILDREN, 36 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, AND TWO  
2 GREAT, GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. SHE WAS A WONDERFUL LADY. AND I  
3 HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO KNOW HER. ROBERT CHAVEZ, WHO WAS THE  
4 SON OF OUR FORMER PRESIDING JUDGE AND GOOD FRIEND, VICTOR  
5 CHAVEZ, AND BROTHER OF APPELLATE COURT JUSTICE, VICTORIA  
6 CHAVEZ, WHO WAS AN ATTORNEY. HE WAS A VERY OUTSTANDING  
7 BARRISTER, HE ADVOCATED FOR QUALITY SERVICE AT NURSING HOMES,  
8 HE WAS A STAND OUT ATHLETE AT U.S.C., WHERE HE RECEIVED HIS  
9 BACHELOR AND LAW DEGREES AND ALL AMERICAN AND N.C.A.A.  
10 CHAMPION VOLLEYBALL PLAYER FOR THE UNIVERSITY. HE DIED OF A  
11 HEART ATTACK AT THE AGE OF 46, LEAVING HIS WIFE, CHRISTINA,  
12 AND HIS THREE CHILDREN AND HIS FATHER AND SISTER. RICHARD  
13 RALPH CRIMENI, A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE OF BURBANK, QUITE  
14 INVOLVED IN ALL OF THE VARIOUS COMMUNITY PROGRAMS. HE WAS  
15 PREVIOUSLY THE OWNER OF THE LINCOLN-MERCURY AGENCY AND LATER  
16 BURBANK TOYOTA. AND ALSO APPEARED IN MANY TELEVISION  
17 PRODUCTIONS, LIKE "BAYWATCH," "BEVERLY HILLS 90210," "JAKE AND  
18 FAT MAN," AND WAS A VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY. JAMES  
19 "JERRY" DOMINE, WHO WAS AN AVID SUPPORTER OF THE SAN FERNANDO  
20 VALLEY SYMPHONY AND WORKED AT -- FORMERLY AT NORTH AMERICAN  
21 AVIATION, TAUGHT BUSINESS PSYCHOLOGY AT PIERCE COLLEGE,  
22 MISSION HILLS COLLEGE AND THE UNIVERSITY OF REDLANDS. STEPHAN  
23 MILLER, WHO WAS THE HUSBAND OF SENIOR DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL  
24 ELIZABETH MILLER. YOU READ ABOUT THE TRAGIC ACCIDENT THAT  
25 OCCURRED. HE WAS TRAINING THE GRIZZLY BEAR AT THE BIG BEAR



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1 TRAINING FACILITY WHEN THE BEAR SUDDENLY ATTACKED HIM AND  
2 KILLED HIM. HE TRAINED TIGERS, LIONS, LEOPARDS AND COUGARS  
3 WHICH HE HAD TRAINED. HE WAS A RESIDENT OF THE SAN CLARITA  
4 VALLEY, CANYON COUNTRY AND HE LEAVES HIS WIFE, ELIZABETH, AND  
5 A SON AND DAUGHTER. AND HE PASSED AWAY, TRAGICALLY, AT THE AGE  
6 OF 39. MARTIN ANTHONY MATICH, WHO OWNED MATICH CORPORATION FOR  
7 OVER 60 YEARS. HE WAS QUITE ACTIVE IN THE RELIGIOUS AND CIVIC  
8 ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT THE INLAND EMPIRE. AS THE CORPORATE  
9 CHAIRMAN OF THE MATICH CORPORATION, HE OVERSAW HUNDREDS OF  
10 HIGHWAYS, AIRPORTS, FLOOD CONTROL, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION  
11 PROJECTS THROUGHOUT OUR STATE. HE HAD RECEIVED MANY AWARDS,  
12 INCLUDING THE ENGINEERING HONOR AWARD FROM NOTRE DAME  
13 UNIVERSITY. HE WAS A CITIZEN OF THE YEAR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT  
14 RECOGNITION FROM GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER. HE HAD AN HONORARY  
15 LAW DEGREE FROM VANGUARD UNIVERSITY AND WAS ACTIVE IN OUR LADY  
16 OF ROSARY CATHEDRAL, KNIGHTS OF EQUESTRIAN THE ORDER OF HOLY  
17 SEPULCHER AND THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS. GOOD FRIEND AND GREAT  
18 COMMUNITY LEADER. WILLIAM EUGENE MULVIHILL GREW UP AND  
19 ATTENDED SCHOOLS IN GLENDALE. HE LEFT MILITARY SERVICE TO GO  
20 BACK TO THE UNIVERSITY, WHERE HE OBTAINED HIS TEACHING  
21 CREDENTIAL AND HE LAUNCHED A SECOND CAREER AFTER THE MILITARY  
22 BY TEACHING NOT ONLY IN AUSTRALIA BUT IN L.A. CITY UNIFIED  
23 SCHOOL DISTRICT. HE WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE HOLY FAMILY  
24 PARISH IN GLENDALE AND ALSO INVOLVED WITH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
25 AND AMERICAN LEGION GLENDALE POST 127. NORMA JEAN SEIFERT,



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1 LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF GLENDALE, MEMBER OF THE SALEM LUTHERAN,  
2 WHERE SHE WAS A SUNDAY SCHOOLTEACHER, A MEMBER OF THE WOMEN'S  
3 CLUB AND COORDINATOR OF WEDDINGS, AND HELPED RAISING FUNDS FOR  
4 THE HOMELESS WITH A GROUP FROM THE CHURCH. SHE WAS ALSO A  
5 MEMBER OF THE P.T.A., CAMPFIRE GIRLS, AND WORKED WITH THE  
6 GLENDALE CITY COUNCIL. EMIL ["BUZZIE"] BAVASI, WHO WAS THE  
7 FORMER GENERAL MANAGER OF THE DODGERS THROUGHOUT THE  
8 TRANSITION FROM BROOKLYN TO LOS ANGELES. IN 1951 HE WAS  
9 PROMOTED TO THE POSITION OF DODGER GENERAL MANAGER. THEY WON  
10 EIGHT NATIONAL LEAGUE PENNANTS UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP. AFTER THE  
11 TEAM WON THE WORLD SERIES IN 1959 IN THEIR ONLY SECOND YEAR IN  
12 LOS ANGELES COUNTY, SPORTING NEWS NAMED HIM THE MAJOR LEAGUE  
13 EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR. IN 1968, HE RESIGNED FROM THE DODGERS  
14 TO BECOME PRESIDENT OF THE SAN DIEGO PADRES UNTIL 1977. THEN  
15 IN 1978, HE BECAME GENERAL MANAGER OF THE CALIFORNIA ANGELS  
16 AND NOW THE LOS ANGELES ANGELS OF ANAHEIM. HE PASSED AWAY AT  
17 THE AGE OF 92. ALL MEMBERS. RICHARD GRIFFEN, A SHERIFF'S  
18 DEPUTY FOR THE PAST 29 YEARS. HIS LAST ASSIGNMENT WAS THE  
19 RECORDS BUREAU. OLIVER FULLER, LAW ENFORCEMENT TECHNICIAN OF  
20 LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. HE PASSED AWAY AT THE  
21 AGE OF 65. HIS LAST ASSIGNMENT WAS THE FACILITY SERVICES  
22 BUREAU. LOUIS SHUMACHER, A RETIRED LIEUTENANT. HE SERVED 33  
23 YEARS WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THOSE  
24 ARE MY ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

2

3    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE A MOTION. A TRAGEDY  
4    OCCURRED IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AT APPROXIMATELY 11:30 P.M.  
5    LAST NIGHT ON THE 300 BLOCK OF EAST LINGARD STREET. NEIGHBORS  
6    HEARD A DOG YELPING AND THEN SAW IT RUNNING IN THE STREETS,  
7    ITS FUR ABLAZE. ONE COURAGEOUS NEIGHBOR PUT A COAT OVER THE  
8    DOG, EXTINGUISHING THE FLAMES, AND TOOK THE DOG TO THE ANIMAL  
9    SHELTER, WHERE IT'S NOW BEING TREATED FOR BURNS TO ITS LEGS  
10    AND BACK. INDIVIDUAL OR INDIVIDUALS RESPONSIBLE COULD FACE  
11    FELONY ANIMAL CRUELTY CHARGES. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
12    SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS SEEKING ANY INFORMATION ON THESE CASES  
13    AND REQUESTS ASSISTANCE FROM THE PUBLIC AND I WOULD LIKE TO  
14    MOVE THAT WE OFFER A \$5,000 REWARD IN EXCHANGE FOR INFORMATION  
15    THAT WOULD LEAD TO THE ARREST AND CONVICTION OF SUSPECT OR  
16    SUSPECTS RESPONSIBLE FOR SETTING THIS DOG ON FIRE ON MAY 5TH  
17    ON THE 300 BLOCK OF EAST LINGARD STREET IN LANCASTER.

18

19    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

20

21    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEN ON ITEM NUMBER 80, SUPERVISOR  
22    YAROSLAVSKY AND I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT  
23    THAT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT AND THE MAY 2ND,  
24    2008 CONTAINS SEVERAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO AVOID RETROACTIVE  
25    AGREEMENTS AND ENSURE TIMELY PAYMENTS FROM THE CITY OF LOS



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1 ANGELES FOR CLEAR PROGRAM. WE WOULD MOVE THAT THE BOARD  
2 APPROVE ITEM 80 AND ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE  
3 C.E.O.'S REPORT OF MAY 2ND, 2008.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED AND SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION. I'D  
6 LIKE TO JUST GET ONE THING CLARIFIED. IS THIS MOTION JUST AS  
7 TO CLEAR OR AS TO ALL OF OUR CONTRACTS WITH THE CITY OF L.A.?

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS IS WITH CLEAR, BUT I HAVE NO PROBLEM  
10 MAKING IT FOR ALL CONTRACTS. I COULD MAKE IT FOR ALL  
11 CONTRACTS.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL CONTRACTS? ALL RIGHT. WITHOUT  
14 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE A MOTION.  
17 THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES RECENTLY  
18 NOTIFIED 38 CURRENTLY CONTRACTED GROUP HOME AND FOSTER FAMILY  
19 AGENCY SERVICE PROVIDERS THAT THEIR COUNTY CONTRACTS FOR  
20 PLACEMENT SERVICES WILL EXPIRE ON OCTOBER 31ST OF THIS YEAR.  
21 THE REASON FOR THIS NOTIFICATION WAS A RESULT OF THE AGENCIES  
22 NOT SUBMITTING A TIMELY RESPONSE TO THE DEPARTMENT'S  
23 ADVERTISED SOLICITATION FOR NEW SERVICES. CONSEQUENTLY,  
24 PLACEMENT TRANSITION PLANNING FOR OVER 700 CHILDREN PLACED  
25 WITH THESE FACILITIES IS NOW CURRENTLY UNDERWAY. THE OUT OF



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1 HOME PLACEMENT STABILITY OF ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN MUST  
2 REMAIN OF UTMOST CONCERN. THESE CHILDREN EXPERIENCE SOME OF  
3 THE HIGHEST INCIDENTS OF MENTAL ILLNESS DUE TO THE OBVIOUS  
4 TRAUMAS OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT FOLLOWED BY THE LOSS OF THEIR  
5 BIOLOGICAL PARENTS AND SUBSEQUENT MULTIPLE FOSTER CARE  
6 PLACEMENTS. FURTHERMORE, THERE IS MUCH RESEARCH THAT INDICATES  
7 THE MULTIPLE PLACEMENT MOVES ARE DETRIMENTAL TO THE  
8 ACHIEVEMENT OF A CHILD'S PERMANENCY GOALS, WHETHER THROUGH  
9 REUNIFICATION, LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP, OR ADOPTIONS. OUR COUNTY  
10 MUST MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ENSURE THAT THE FUTURE OF THESE MOST  
11 VULNERABLE CHILDREN ARE DETERMINED THROUGH STABILITY IN SAFE  
12 AND NURTURING ENVIRONMENTS. SO I WOULD MOVE THAT THE BOARD  
13 DIRECT THE C.E.O. IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER,  
14 COUNTY COUNSEL, D.C.F.S. AND PROBATION TO REPORT BACK IN 30  
15 DAYS ON ITS REVIEW AND ASSESSMENTS OF THE GROUP HOME AND  
16 FOSTER FAMILY AGENCY CONTRACT SOLICITATION, INCLUDING ALL  
17 CIRCUMSTANCES UNIQUE TO THE APPLICATION OF THIS SOLICITATION  
18 PROCESS, AND DEVELOP A CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN BASED ON  
19 FINDINGS AS NECESSARY. SO THIS IS A REPORT BACK, MADAM CHAIR.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THAT'S MOVED BY ANTONOVICH AND  
22 SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION. SO ORDERED.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE DID NUMBER 59?

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES.

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3    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S ALL I HAVE, MADAM CHAIR.

4

5    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. NOTHING ELSE. PUBLIC COMMENT.

6

7    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** PUBLIC COMMENT? ON THE PREVIOUS ITEM,  
8    SUPERVISOR MOLINA ASKED, DOES ANYBODY ELSE OWE US, OR DO THEY  
9    OWE US ANY OTHER MONEY? I THINK IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA IF THE  
10   C.E.O. HAD ITS STAFF KIND OF SCRUB ALL AGENCIES, NOT JUST THE  
11   CITY OF L.A., JUST RUN IT THROUGH ALL YOUR STAFF PEOPLE TO SEE  
12   IF THERE ARE ANY OUTSTANDING OWED MONEYS TO US, BECAUSE I BET  
13   YOU THERE'S PLENTY, AND I'M SURE THE CITY OF L.A. IS NOT THE  
14   ONLY ONE. I'LL BET YOU WE PROBABLY OWE A FEW PEOPLE SOME  
15   MONEY, AND I THINK WE OUGHT TO HOLD OURSELVES AND OUR PARTNERS  
16   TO A HIGHER STANDARD THAN THEY'VE BEEN HELD TO. SO YOU MAY  
17   FIND A BUNCH OF DOUGH SITTING OUT THERE GOING BACK A LONG  
18   TIME. THANKS, BILL. THAT'S ALL.

19

20   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE HAVE  
21   ASKED TO SPEAK, SOME OF THEM ON THE SUBJECT OF YOUR MOTION.  
22   ODELLET AQUINO. IF SHE'S NOT HERE, JUANITA ANTEPORT AND JAMES  
23   HOLT WANTED TO SPEAK IN HER PLACE. I'D LIKE TO ALSO ASK  
24   NICHOLAS KFOURI TO COME FORWARD. AND ARNOLD SACHS, WOULD YOU  
25   START DOWN?



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2 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT ABOUT EIGHT  
3 MONTHS AGO, I WAS HERE AT THIS TABLE, PRESENTED A LETTER OF  
4 SOME GRIEVANCES THAT I HAVE WITH THE COUNTY. AND TO DATE, I  
5 STILL HAVEN'T HEARD FROM ANYBODY, AND WHEN I TRIED TO FOLLOW  
6 UP WITH THE EXECUTIVE OFFICES, THEY SAID THEY HAVE NO RECORD  
7 OF MY LETTER. SO I DON'T KNOW IF I'M BEING -- IF I'M BEING  
8 IGNORED OR TREATED AS A SECOND-DEGREE CITIZEN OR SOMETHING  
9 LIKE THAT. I'D LIKE TO KNOW.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE'LL ASK THEM TO LOOK TO SEE.  
12 WHAT DATE DID YOU SEND THE LETTER?

13

14 **SPEAKER:** THE FIRST WEEK OF LAST SEPTEMBER.

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16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OF LAST SEPTEMBER, OKAY.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** YEAH. I WAS HERE IN PERSON.

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20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. WE'LL ASK THEM TO CHECK ON  
21 THE LETTER. AND THERE WILL BE SOMEONE WHO WILL -- MAYBE  
22 THEY'LL HAVE TO PROBABLY RESPOND TO YOU BY MAIL.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** WHEN I CONTACTED THEM, THEY COULD NOT FIND A RECORD  
25 OF IT.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DO YOU HAVE ANOTHER COPY OF IT?

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4 **SPEAKER:** I DIDN'T BRING IT WITH ME. I SUBMITTED FIVE DIFFERENT  
5 COPIES FOR EACH SUPERVISOR.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. IF YOU DON'T MIND, IF YOU WOULD JUST  
8 SUBMIT US ANOTHER COPY.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** ANOTHER COPY?

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES PLEASE

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14 **SPEAKER:** AND WHO DO I GIVE IT TO?

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16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU CAN GIVE IT TO OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** NOT TODAY. I HAVE TO MAKE ANOTHER PRINT.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OR YOU CAN MAIL IT TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** WHO IN THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE I CAN DEAL WITH?

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THERE'S SOMEONE OVER THERE AT THE  
25 CORNER WHO WILL TALK TO YOU ABOUT IT.



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2 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, LET ME ASK, JUANITA AND JAMES  
5 HOLT, HAVE THEY LEFT, OR ODELLETE AQINO? YES. WOULD TRACEY  
6 CHAVIRA START COMING DOWN? AND SENTAYEHU SILASSIE ALSO. YES,  
7 ARNOLD SACHS.

8

9 **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. A COUPLE ITEMS TO TALK ABOUT.  
10 ACTUALLY, I DON'T KNOW IF THIS IS UP TO DATE, BUT MAY 5TH, THE  
11 DOWNTOWN L.A. NEWS, THE GRAND AVENUE CONSTRUCTION IS PUSHED  
12 BACK. GOES ON TO DISCUSS THE FACT THAT THEY'RE HAVING TROUBLE  
13 FINDING FUNDING. THE REASON I BRING THIS UP IS BECAUSE THEY  
14 WERE -- THIS IS THE SECOND TIME THE CONSTRUCTION -- THE START  
15 OF CONSTRUCTION HAS BEEN DELAYED. AND THE FIRST TIME, IT WAS  
16 MENTIONED IN THE PAPER THAT THERE WERE SUPPOSED TO BE  
17 PENALTIES THAT WERE TO BE INITIATED IF THEY DIDN'T MEET THE  
18 CONSTRUCTION DATE THAT WAS ORIGINALLY PLANNED. NOW THE SECOND  
19 TIME THAT IT'S BEEN DELAYED, THEY GOT PLENTY OF TAX INCENTIVE  
20 AND BREAKS FROM THE COUNTY AND THE CITY, WILL THE PENALTIES BE  
21 ENFORCED BY THE COUNTY AND/OR THE CITY? OR WILL THEY ALSO BE  
22 DELAYED BECAUSE IT'S A DEEP POCKET AND YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO  
23 UPSET ANYBODY WITH THOSE DEEP POCKETS? THEN PROJECT 50, THERE  
24 WAS AN UPDATE, NOT FROM THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, BUT  
25 FROM THE NEWSPAPER, THAT THEY'VE HOUSED 23 PEOPLE.



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1 CONGRATULATIONS. I'M READING FROM ANOTHER ARTICLE IN THE  
2 DOWNTOWN NEWS, THE -- SOMEBODY FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
3 HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY SAYS THAT IT TAKES AN AVERAGE OF  
4 14 DAYS TO IDENTIFY THE VULNERABLE HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AND  
5 CONVINCED THEM TO MOVE INTO THEIR OWN APARTMENTS WHERE THERE IS  
6 A SUITE OF SUPPORT SERVICES. THEN FURTHER IN THE ARTICLE IT  
7 SAYS SKID ROW HOUSING TRUST IS PROVIDING DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES  
8 UNITS FOR THE 50 PEOPLE. WELL, IF THEY ONLY HAVE 23 PEOPLE  
9 THAT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED, THAT MEANS 27 UNITS ARE EMPTY. ARE  
10 THEY BEING PAID FOR WHILE YOU'RE WAITING TO FILL 27 PEOPLE  
11 THAT YOU CAN'T FIND IN SKID ROW THAT DESPERATELY NEED HOUSING?  
12 WHAT IS THE STATUS ON THAT? THANK YOU FOR YOUR ANSWERS ON  
13 THAT. AND THEN FINALLY, BECAUSE YOU WERE IN WASHINGTON, I  
14 DIDN'T GET TO COMMENT ON THE METRO BOARD MEETING. AND IT WAS  
15 REALLY VERY IMPRESSIVE TO SEE ALL THE MEMBERS FROM THE SAN  
16 GABRIEL VALLEY WHO WERE PART OF THE FOOTHILLS, THE GOLD LINE  
17 FOOTHILL CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY. BUT MY QUESTION IS, WHERE WAS  
18 THE PASADENA GOLD LINE FOOTHILL, GOLD LINE CONSTRUCTION  
19 AUTHORITY MEMBERS? WHEN THE STATE TOOK -- THREATENED TO TAKE  
20 FUNDING AWAY FROM THE COUNTY AND THE CITY FROM THE  
21 TRANSPORTATION BOND ISSUE, BOTH THE CITY AND THE COUNTY SENT  
22 REPRESENTATIVES TO SACRAMENTO. YOU WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT  
23 HERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR BOTH THOSE CONSTRUCTION  
24 AUTHORITIES, EVEN THOUGH THEY COVER THE SAME AREA, TO COME  
25 BEFORE METRO AND BE HEARD AND RAISE THEIR VOICES TOGETHER TO



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1 SAY WE WANT OUR RAIL LINE BUILT. BUT NOBODY FROM THE PASADENA  
2 GOLD LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY SHOWED UP. IMAGINE THAT. IT'S  
3 JUST SHOCKING. HOW THEY MISSED THAT OPPORTUNITY. NO WONDER  
4 THEY'RE STILL NOT GETTING BUILT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND  
5 YOUR ANSWERS AND THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME SPEAK OVER.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SENTAYEHU SILASSIE? MRS. LELA DUFFIE,  
8 TRACEY CHAVIRA. ARE ANY OF THEM... WOULD YOU PLEASE COME  
9 FORWARD?

10

11 **TRACEY CHAVIRA:** HI. TRACEY CHAVIRA FROM CENTRAL CITY  
12 ASSOCIATION. I'M HERE TO VOICE C.C.A.'S OPPOSITION TO THE  
13 OPENING OF A COMPREHENSIVE HOMELESSNESS SERVICES FACILITY ON  
14 THE GROUND FLOOR OF 5TH AND MAIN STREET. C.C.A. MEMBERS WERE  
15 GIVEN A PRESENTATION BY THE COUNTY ON PROJECT 50 IN JANUARY.  
16 WE WERE VERY SUPPORTIVE OF THE PROGRAM AS IT WAS EXPLAINED. WE  
17 BELIEVE THAT PROJECT 50, THAT THE SITE IS IN AN INAPPROPRIATE  
18 LOCATION FOR THE PROPOSED FACILITY. IT IS SURROUNDED BY  
19 EXISTING AND EMERGING RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL COMPONENTS  
20 AND WE ARE NOT ALONE. COUNCIL MEMBER JAN PERRY IS ALSO  
21 ADAMANTLY OPPOSED. C.C.A. PROMOTE PROJECTS THAT PROMOTE GOOD  
22 TRAFFIC AND POSITIVE PEDESTRIAN ACTIVITY, ESPECIALLY IN THE  
23 EVENING HOURS, AND INCREASED LIGHTING AND SECURITY WHICH MEANS  
24 ENHANCED PUBLIC SAFETY IN THIS BURGEONING NEIGHBORHOOD. THE  
25 SITE IS RIPE FOR COMMUNITY AMENITIES AND GROUND FLOOR



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1   ACTIVITY. AT A MEETING HELD BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY IN  
2   APRIL, WE VOICED OUR STRONG OPPOSITION TO THIS SITE AND WERE  
3   TOLD THAT THE COUNTY WOULD WORK WITH US AS THE SITE WAS NOT  
4   SET IN STONE. WE ARE A MAJOR STAKEHOLDER IN DOWNTOWN AND WE  
5   WERE NOT CONSULTED IN THE SELECTION OF THIS SITE. WE  
6   RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT YOU STOP CONSTRUCTION ON THIS SITE  
7   AND CONSIDER ALTERNATE LOCATIONS. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT IF WE  
8   WORK TOGETHER, WE CAN COME TO AN EXPEDITIOUS SOLUTION. THANK  
9   YOU.

10

11   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THERE'S  
12   SOMEONE HERE FROM THE OFFICE WORKING ON THAT.

13

14   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** C.E.O. IS NOT HERE. THIS IS NOT OUR  
15   PROPERTY. IT'S OUR PROGRAM. IT'S A SHELTER PARTNERSHIP. SKID  
16   ROW HOUSING CORPORATION, I'M SORRY, THAT IS LEASING -- THAT  
17   OWNS, I BELIEVE IT OWNS THIS BUILDING AND HAS A LONG-TERM  
18   LEASE, AND THEY ARE REQUIRED TO USE IT FOR THESE TYPES OF  
19   PURPOSES. I THINK THEY ARE TRYING TO WORK WITH THE CENTRAL  
20   CITY ASSOCIATION AND ARE OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES. IT WAS NOT  
21   THE COUNTY'S DECISION AND IT IS NOT THE COUNTY'S DECISION. I  
22   KNOW THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE IS AWARE OF THIS AND I'VE ENCOURAGED  
23   THE SKID ROW HOUSING CORPORATION FOLKS TO WORK WITH THEM. BUT  
24   I HAVE TO TELL YOU, IF THERE WAS AS MUCH ENERGY PUT TO SOLVING  
25   HOMELESSNESS AS THERE IS IN DEALING WITH THIS ONE 2000 SQUARE



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1 FOOT STOREFRONT, WE'D BE A LONG WAY -- I JUST CAN'T BELIEVE  
2 THAT PEOPLE CAN'T SIT DOWN AND WORK THIS OUT. BUT ANYWAY, IT'S  
3 NOT THE COUNTY'S DECISION, IT WAS NOT THE COUNTY'S DECISION.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. YES, PLEASE STATE  
6 YOUR NAME.

7

8 **LELA DUFFIE:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LELA DUFFIE, I'M AN X-  
9 RAY TECHNICIAN. AND I'VE BEEN BLACK BALLED FROM WORK FROM  
10 MARTIN LUTHER KING FOR ABOUT 19 YEARS BY THE X-RAY SUPERVISOR.  
11 I'M NOT GOING TO CALL OUT HIS NAME, BUT I DO KNOW HE'S A  
12 HOMOSEXUAL. HE BROUGHT A MAN IN FROM PRISON IN 1988. HE GAVE  
13 MY JOB TITLE AND MY HUSBAND'S NAME. HE PUT HIM ON THE PAYROLL.  
14 HE DIDN'T DO ANY WORK. HE ALWAYS -- HE WAS GAVE HIM A BEEPER  
15 AND A CAR. AND HE'S IN PASADENA LIVING UNDER MY HUSBAND'S  
16 NAME. I SEEN IT IN THE PHONE BOOK, OKAY? BUT NOBODY WILL HIRE  
17 ME BECAUSE OF THE SUPERVISOR'S REMARKS. HE CALLED ME CRAZY, HE  
18 RECOMMEND I GO TO THE MENTAL HOSPITAL, HE HAD MY ESTRANGED  
19 FAMILY IN HIS OFFICE MANY DAYS WHEN I RETURNED TO WORK AND HE  
20 TOLD ME TO GO HOME TO MY MOTHER IN 1988. AND HE WROTE ME UP  
21 FOR MANY THINGS, FOR MOLESTING TWO CHILDREN, 5 AND 14. THAT'S  
22 A SERIOUS AFFAIR. THAT'S A SERIOUS CHARGE, OKAY? AND I DIDN'T  
23 DO ANYTHING BUT CAME TO WORK CLEAN AND DID MY WORK. OKAY? I  
24 TRANSFERRED HERE FROM WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN THE YEAR OF  
25 '81. AND I STARTED WORKING AT MARTIN LUTHER KING IN 1984. I



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1 HAVE JOB RIGHTS WITH THE CIVIL SERVICE AS A MILITARY WIDOW  
2 UNTIL I DIE, OKAY? UNTIL I REMARRY. HE CANCELLED ALL THAT HE  
3 WAS JEALOUS OF THE MILITARY CHECK I WAS GETTING. A STIPEND FOR  
4 HIS DEATH. HE SAID I WAS SUPPOSED TO TELL HIM AND HE COULD  
5 DEDUCT IT FROM MY PAYCHECK. HE WAS JEALOUS BECAUSE I WAS GOING  
6 TO MILITARY BASE SHOPPING AND GETTING DISCOUNTS. I HAD A  
7 STICKER IN MY WINDOW THAT SAID DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. AND THE  
8 REST OF THE CO-WORKERS SAID THEY WANT TO BE LIKE ME. HE SAID  
9 "I CAN REDUCE HER TO NOTHING. SHE'S NOT NOTHING. SHE THINKS  
10 SHE'S BETTER THAN WE ARE. I CAN HAVE HER CRAWLING AROUND ON  
11 THE GROUND AND EATING S-H-I-T OF THE GROUND WITH A TOOTHPICK,  
12 OKAY? I HAVEN'T GOT NO RESPECT SINCE I WAS EVICTED FROM EAGLE  
13 ROCK APARTMENT IN 19-- 2003. I GOT A CALL FROM DOWN HERE, SAY  
14 I NEED TO GO IN A MENTAL HOSPITAL FOR MY OWN GOOD. OKAY? THEY  
15 WENT UP ON THE RENT \$200. I HAD A JOB WHEN I MOVED IN. YOU  
16 CANNOT PAY YOUR BILLS WITHOUT A JOB. THE FACT THAT I GET THIS  
17 LITTLE CHECK, THEY'RE ALL UPSET AND TRYING TO STEAL IT. SO NOW  
18 I'M IN A FLOPHOUSE NOW. AND SHE TELLS ME ON THE 7TH OF MARCH  
19 TO GET OUT OF THE HOUSE, BECAUSE SHE WANTS 50 MORE DOLLARS.  
20 SHE WANTS ALL MY CHECK, OKAY? I GET THIS CHECK OR HE'LL HAVE  
21 THE SOLDIER. AND I WANT TO GET AWAY FROM HER. I TRIED TO GET  
22 BACK IN. SHE BLOCKED ME, SHE HAD A KNIFE IN HER HAND, AND SHE  
23 TOLD ME-- AND KNOCKED ME DOWN TWICE AND GET OUT, YOU JUST WALK  
24 OUT OF HERE WITH THE CLOTHES ON YOUR BACK. EVERYTHING YOU HAVE  
25 HERE IS MINE. IT'S A LITTLE ROOM WITH A LOT OF CLOTHES AND



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1 EIGHT SUITCASES. SHE WANTS ALL THAT, SO I HAD TO CALL THE  
2 POLICE TO GET BACK IN. JUST THE OTHER NIGHT, SHE TOLD ME TO  
3 GET OUT AND WALK OUT WITH THE CLOTHES ON MY BACK. I WANTED TO  
4 GET AWAY, BUT SHE'S GETTING MONEY FROM THE STATE MENTAL  
5 HOSPITAL. OKAY? UNDER THE TABLE. AND I'M TIRED. I WROTE YOU  
6 TWO MONTHS AGO AND NEVER GOT AN ANSWER. THIS IS THE 5TH TIME.  
7 I'VE WROTE SO MANY PEOPLE IN WASHINGTON, D.C., UP AND DOWN, UP  
8 AND DOWN. SENATOR JOE BIDEN, EVERYBODY YOU NAME, PRESIDENT  
9 CLINTON, PRESIDENT BUSH. I'M TIRED, OKAY? I NEED AN ANSWER.  
10 I'M A HOMOSAPIEN AND A HUMAN BEING AND A WOMAN. CAN'T PAY YOUR  
11 BILLS WITHOUT A JOB.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SOMEONE WILL HELP YOU OVER HERE.

14

15 **LELA DUFFIE:** WILL I GET ANSWERS?

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE SOMEONE HERE FROM MENTAL HEALTH?  
18 RIGHT OVER HERE IN THE CORNER, THERE'S SOMEONE FROM MENTAL  
19 HEALTH. THEY'LL TALK TO YOU. THE LADY OVER THERE IN THE  
20 CORNER, SHE'LL TALK TO YOU. ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE MELA MASRESHA  
21 AND MICHAEL GARDLEY. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

22

23 **MICHAEL GARDLEY:** HI. MY NAME IS MICHAEL GARDLEY. I'M HERE  
24 AGAIN. I'VE BEEN HERE -- I WAS HERE ONE TIME BEFORE AND I WAS  
25 TALKING TO THIRD DISTRICT, ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, AND MIKE



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1 ANTONOVICH. WENT TO ANOTHER INVESTIGATION FOR WHAT WE ASKED  
2 FOR ON THAT DAY, WHICH I THANKED HIM FOR, BUT HE GOT STOPPED  
3 BY ZEV'S OFFICE. THERE'S TWO CHILDREN IN QUESTION THAT WE CAME  
4 AND ASKED THE COUNTY FOR HELP, AND EVERY SINCE WE CAME AND  
5 ASKED THE COUNTY FOR HELP, YOUR COUNTY HACIENDA THREATENED US,  
6 ACCUSED US, CHANGED PAPERWORK, TAKEN PAPERWORK OUT OF THE  
7 COURT DOCUMENTS, LIED TO THE COURTS, SHADED THE LAW FROM THE  
8 COURTS KNOWING WHAT ACTUALLY IS HAPPENING, ANY OF OUR PROOF  
9 THAT WE'VE HAD THAT WE'VE TRIED TO SHOW OVER THREE YEARS, WE  
10 COULD NOT SHOW. WE EVEN CAME AND TOLD YOU THERE WAS CHILD  
11 ABUSE GOING ON WITH OUR CHILDREN AND YOU TOLD US SPECIFICALLY  
12 THAT THERE WASN'T, NO CHILD ABUSE. BUT TWO WEEKS LATER, THE  
13 FOSTER MOTHER WAS ARRESTED FOR LEAVING IN AND OF OUT OF THE  
14 STATE WITH OUR CHILD AND WHEN THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY WENT TO GO  
15 GET HER, THE FOSTER MOTHER WAS OUT OF THE STATE, OUR CHILD WAS  
16 LEFT AT THE HOME BY THEMSELVES AND THE COUNTY HAD GAVE  
17 PERMISSION FOR THAT CHILD TO BE THERE BY HERSELF, AND THE  
18 COURT JUST AWARDED THE FOSTER MOTHER A RESPONSIBLE PARENT, AND  
19 WE TOLD THE COURT, SHE LET THE COURTS KNOW. THE COURTS DID NOT  
20 DO NOTHING. PERIOD. THESE CHILDREN DID NOT GET HELP. WE GOT  
21 CHARGED AS WE WERE ABUSED -- THAT WE WERE ABUSIVE PARENTS AND  
22 WE HAVE NEVER BEEN. COUNTY COUNSEL EVEN SAID TO THE COUNTY  
23 THAT WE WASN'T ABUSIVE, BUT NONE OF THAT GOT TO THE COURTS, TO  
24 THE JUDGE. NOTHING GOT TO THE JUDGE. SO WE GOT LOOKED AT AS WE  
25 WERE ABUSIVE. ZEV, I HAVE SO MUCH RESPECT FOR YOU, BEEN HAVING



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1 RESPECT FOR YOU, UNTIL THIS CASE CAME. WHEN THIS CASE CAME, I  
2 ASKED YOU FOR HELP, AND WE GOT LOOKED AT AND TOLD TO GET AWAY,  
3 AND STAND BACK. THIS GUY NAMED MICHAEL WATROBSKI TOLD ME IN  
4 FRONT OF STATE SENATOR ALARCON'S OFFICE WHEN HE WAS THE WAS  
5 THE SENATOR, STATE SENATOR, THAT I WAS CRAZY AND STUPID AND  
6 DIDN'T KNOW WHAT I WAS TALKING ABOUT AND THAT NOTHING IS GOING  
7 TO GO PAST HIS OFFICE, AND IT HASN'T WENT PAST HIS OFFICE.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHO IS MICHAEL WATROBSKI?

10

11 **MICHAEL GARDLEY:** MICHAEL WATROBSKI.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHO IS HE?

14

15 **MICHAEL GARDLEY:** HE'S BEEN WORKING FOR YOU YEARS.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T HAVE ANYBODY BY THE NAME OF MICHAEL  
18 WATROBSKI WORKING FOR ME. NEVER HAD.

19

20 **MICHAEL GARDLEY:** I CAN SHOW YOU. WE TAPED IT.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JUST HANG ON A SECOND. I'M LISTENING VERY  
23 CAREFULLY TO WHAT YOU'RE SAYING. I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE  
24 TALKING ABOUT. THE FIRST QUESTION I WAS GOING TO ASK YOU, IS  
25 WHO IN MY OFFICE DID YOU TALK TO? IF THE PERSON YOU TALKED TO



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1 IS SOMEBODY BY THE NAME OF MICHAEL WATROBSKI, HE DOESN'T WORK  
2 FOR ME.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** HE DIDN'T SAY THAT.

5

6 **MICHAEL GARDLEY:** HE WORKED COUNTY.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** PARDON? NO, YOU SAID HE WORKED FOR ME.

9

10 **MICHAEL GARDLEY:** WELL, YOU'D HAVE TALKED.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU MEANT THE COUNTY?

13

14 **MICHAEL GARDLEY:** YEAH, YEAH.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY, COUNTY. BUT YOU SAID THAT MY OFFICE  
17 PUT A STOP TO YOUR COMPLAINTS. MY OFFICE DID NOT PUT A STOP TO  
18 YOUR COMPLAINTS BECAUSE NOBODY IN MY OFFICE, TO MY KNOWLEDGE,  
19 UNLESS YOU KNOW SOMEBODY IN MY OFFICE YOU TALKED TO HAS TALKED  
20 TO YOU.

21

22 **MICHAEL GARDLEY:** YES YOU HAVE. YOU TALKED TO US PERSONALLY.

23



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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL I KNOW. YOU WERE SITTING IN MY OFFICE  
2   AND I MET YOU AND I TALKED TO YOU PERSONALLY. BUT WE DIDN'T  
3   STOP ANYTHING, SO--

4

5   **MICHAEL GARDLEY:** NO, YOU-ALL DIDN'T STOP NOTHING, THAT'S WHAT  
6   I'M TRYING TO SAY, Y'ALL DIDN'T STOP NOTHING. THAT'S WHAT WAS  
7   HAPPENING. Y'ALL BEGAN TO ABUSE OUR CHILDREN AND THEN WHEN WE  
8   GO TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TOLD US  
9   THEY HELD A GUN OUT ON US, WE HAD A GUN PUT IN OUR FACE, TOLD  
10   US TO GET OUT OF THERE, THAT WE COULD NOT MAKE A COMPLAINT  
11   AGAINST THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WHEN OUR CHILDREN WERE BEING  
12   FACTUALLY ABUSED.

13

14   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK WHAT I'LL DO IS STAFF WILL TALK TO  
15   YOU NOW AGAIN, BECAUSE I THINK MY STAFF SPENT A COUPLE THREE  
16   YEARS NOW SINCE THE LAST TIME WHEN YOU WERE IN MY OFFICE.  
17   WE'LL FIND OUT WHAT THE STATUS IS. I THINK THE PROBLEM IS THAT  
18   -- IS THIS A LEGAL PROCEEDING?

19

20   **MICHAEL GARDLEY:** NO.

21

22   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU SAID IT WAS GOING TO COURT.

23

24   **SPEAKER:** IT'S IN COURT, BUT WE'VE NEVER ABUSED THE CHILDREN.  
25   COUNTY COUNSEL HAVE--



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1

2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND.

3

4 **MICHAEL GARDLEY:** WE'RE IN COURT BECAUSE HER LAWYER SET US UP.

5 SHE SAID WE CHANGED RECORDS AT HIS SCHOOL SIX TIMES, WHICH IS

6 IMPOSSIBLE, SO THAT SHE COULD NOT GET VISITS AT HER HOME SO

7 THEY CAN GET A RESTRAINING -- BY THEM HAVING A RESTRAINING ON

8 ME, THEY COULDN'T BRING THE KIDS HOME, THEY SAID.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND YOUR DILEMMA. WE CANNOT

11 INTERVENE --

12

13 **MICHAEL GARDLEY:** I'M NOT PART OF THIS CASE, SO YOU'RE NOT

14 INTERVENING IN NO CASE OF THAT'S HER. [ OVERLAPPING VOICES ]

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HANG ON A SECOND.

17

18 **MICHAEL GARDLEY:** WHAT YOU'RE DOING TO ME IN THIS CASE, YOU

19 SUSPENDED MY LICENSE AND FOR CHILD SUPPORT, YOU TOOK MY

20 MEDICAL AND HEALTH, JUST LAST YEAR, AFTER ALL THREE YEARS

21 TELLING EVERYBODY THAT I HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS CASE,

22 MICHAEL GARDLEY HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THESE GIRLS, AND I

23 HELPED TO RAISE THESE GIRLS. YOU ALL GOT US TOTALLY OUT OF IT,

24 BUT THEN USING EVERYTHING OF MINE, USING MY LAST NAME AS THE



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1 KID AS MY DAUGHTER AND COURT USING YOUR LAST NAME AS SHE AIN'T  
2 NONE OF MINE.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. HANG ON. WE'LL LOOK INTO THAT BECAUSE  
5 THAT'S NEWS TO ME, BUT THAT'S NOT IN MY OFFICE. YOU'RE  
6 REFERRING TO THE COUNTY.

7

8 **MICHAEL GARDLEY:** YES, BUT YOUR COUNTY COUNSEL IS ALLOWING YOU  
9 TO HAVE --

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND MR. GARDLEY. HANG ON A SECOND,  
12 I CAN HANDLE THIS. I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING. I JUST  
13 WANT, SINCE THIS GOES OUT OVER THE AIRWAVES, I WANT TO MAKE  
14 SURE THAT WHAT YOU SAY IS SPECIFIC, AND I DON'T WANT -- [  
15 OVERLAPPING VOICES ]

16

17 **MICHAEL GARDLEY:** THE COUNTY STOLE OUR CHILDREN --

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND THAT THAT'S YOUR POINT OF VIEW.

20

21 **MICHAEL GARDLEY:** WE CAME TO YOUR DEPARTMENT FOR HELP AND OUR  
22 CHILDREN HAVE RAN AWAY. WE WAS TAKEN A PARENTING CLASS. THAT  
23 PARENTING CLASS GAVE US LETTERS TO GO TO YOUR COURTS TO ASK  
24 FOR HELP. ONCE WE GOT TO YOUR COURTS, YOUR COURTS AND THE  
25 COUNTY AND COUNTY COUNSEL CHANGED EVERYTHING AROUND LIKE WE



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1 ABUSED THE CHILDREN. WE NEVER ABUSED THEM. FINALLY WHEN THE  
2 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT GOT INVOLVED AND ASKED THEM WHAT HAPPENED,  
3 HER LAWYER TOLD THEM, OH, THIS IS A CUSTODY BATTLE. WHERE DID  
4 CUSTODY BATTLE COME FROM WHEN YOU WAS TRYING TO GET US ON  
5 ABUSE?

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. I'M GOING TO HAVE MY STAFF TALK  
8 TO YOU --

9

10 **MICHAEL GARDLEY:** BUT THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN THREE YEARS  
11 ARE GONE. YOU CAN'T GET THE KIDS BACK. WE CAN'T GET OUR MONEY  
12 BACK. [ OVERLAPPING VOICES ]

13

14 **MICHAEL GARDLEY:** I'M HIDING FROM L.A.P.D. RIGHT NOW, BECAUSE  
15 L.A.P.D. TOLD ME, IF I'M GOING TO MAKE ANY REPORT AT THEIR  
16 OFFICE, THAT I WOULD GO TO JAIL. I CAN'T EVEN DO IT BECAUSE WE  
17 GOT THREATENED BY THE COUNTY, WE HAVE TO GO MAKE A REPORT. THE  
18 POLICE DEPARTMENT TOLD US BECAUSE THEIR SHAREHOLDERS OF YOURS  
19 THAT THEY WILL REFUSE TO MAKE ANY REPORT. RIGHT NOW I GOT A  
20 CHILD MISSING BECAUSE I CALLED THE COUNTY, LET THE COUNTY KNOW  
21 WHAT'S HAPPENED I THINK THEY TOLD ME TO GO TO THE POLICE  
22 DEPARTMENT. THE SAME THING THAT HAPPENED WITH HER. [  
23 OVERLAPPING VOICES ]

24



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1   **MICHAEL GARDLEY:** OUR CHILDREN IN LIMBO ALL OVER THE PLACE,  
2   Y'ALL ARE TELLING US WE'RE BAD PARENTS, THIS WOMAN HASN'T SEEN  
3   HER CHILDREN. THE COURTS TELLING US THAT WE'RE DOING BAD  
4   THINGS IN WEIRD PLACES, WHEN WE'RE SITTING IN STATE SENATOR'S  
5   OFFICES ALL DAY. THEY TELL US WE WERE IN LANCASTER SAID WE  
6   CHANGING RECORDS. AND WE CAN PROVE, BUT NOBODY COMING OUT WITH  
7   INVESTIGATORS, THEY'RE TELLING US TO RIGHT IT OFF.

8

9   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO YOU LIVE IN LANCASTER?

10

11   **MICHAEL GARDLEY:** NO. THEY'RE CHARGING HER CHILD SUPPORT AND  
12   THEY SAID --

13

14   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. I'M GOING TO -- [ OVERLAPPING  
15   VOICES ]

16

17   **MICHAEL GARDLEY:** AND RIGHT NOW TODAY THEY'RE CHARGING HER AND  
18   WE'RE ABOUT TO LOSE OUR PLACE. WHAT DO YOU MEAN? WE'VE BEEN  
19   COMING TO YOU --

20

21   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SIR?

22

23   **MICHAEL GARDLEY:** I CAME TO YOU AT MANY MEETINGS THAT I'VE BEEN  
24   AT THAT YOU'VE BEEN AT AND I'VE TALKED TO YOU. YOU KNOW WHAT  
25   I'M SAYING? WE'VE BEEN TO YOUR OFFICE, WE'VE TALKED TO YOU.



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1 YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN? WE'RE NOT NO BAD PARENTS. WE'RE NOT NO  
2 ABUSIVE PARENTS. YOUR COUNTY HAS SET US UP, AND WE CAN PROVE  
3 IT, FROM THE VERY BEGINNING TO NOW. WE HAVE LEGISLATION PEOPLE  
4 WHO IS TELLING US THAT THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE HELPING THE  
5 COUNTY BUT THEY'RE TRYING TO HELP US NOW BECAUSE THEY'RE JUST  
6 NOW STARTING TO SEE FROM THE VERY BEGINNING LIKE WE'VE BEEN  
7 SAYING, WE'VE BEEN SET UP.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WOULD YOU LET HER SPEAK NOW? BECAUSE YOUR  
10 TIME HAS EXPIRED. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

11

12 **MELA MASRESHA:** MELA MASRESHA. AND I'LL JUST ADD MICHAEL HAD  
13 JUST TALKED ABOUT WAS -- YEAH, WE TALKED TO SUPERVISOR  
14 YAROSLAVSKY IN PERSON, HE TOOK US TO HIS CHILDREN SERVICES  
15 DEPUTY, WENDY ERIN, IN DECEMBER 2005. TWO MONTHS LATER, WENDY  
16 ERIN TOLD US, AFTER TALKING TO MICHAEL WATROBSKI, W-A-T-R-O-B-  
17 S-K-I THAT THERE WAS NOTHING SHE CAN DO FOR US. YOU JUST SAID  
18 THERE IS STILL AN INVESTIGATION. I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT IT. IS  
19 THAT WHAT YOU JUST SAID?

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DIDN'T SAY THAT. I DIDN'T SAY THAT. I  
22 DIDN'T SAY THAT. IT MAY BE VERY POSSIBLE. I REMEMBER WHEN YOU  
23 CAME INTO MY OFFICE. AND IT MAY BE THAT THERE WAS NOTHING SHE  
24 COULD DO.

25



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1 **MELA MASREHA:** YEAH, THERE IS. EXPLAIN TO ME SOMETHING.

2

3 **SPEAKER:** I WAS IN THE AVARCON'S OFFICE WITH US AND Y'ALL  
4 WOULDN'T EVEN TALK TO THEM. Y'ALL DISCREDITED THEM, AND THE  
5 COUNTY TOLD THEM IF THEY'D HELP US --

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SHE'S THE ONE THAT'S TALKING NOW. SHE'S THE  
8 ONE THAT'S TALKING NOW.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU HAVE -- HOW MANY CHILDREN DO YOU HAVE?

11

12 **MELA MASRESHA:** TWO.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND WHERE ARE THE CHILDREN AT PRESENT?

15

16 **MELA MASRESHA:** WITH THE COUNTY SOMEWHERE. THEY DON'T TELL US  
17 NOTHING.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HAVE YOU BEEN TO COURT?

20

21 **SPEAKER:** YEAH.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU HAVE BEEN?

24

25 **MELA MASRESHA:** YEAH.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO WHAT WE NEED TO ASK YOU TO DO IS TO  
3 SPEAK TO THE PERSON FROM CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES AND  
4 WE'LL FIND OUT EXACTLY WHAT THE COURT DID. WE HAVE NO  
5 AUTHORITY OVER ASSIGNING CHILDREN TO FOSTER HOMES OR  
6 DETERMINING WHO IS ABUSIVE. WE ARE NOT EVEN ALLOWED --

7

8 **MICHAEL GARDLEY:** BUT Y'ALL --

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WAIT A MINUTE, SIR. WE ARE NOT EVEN ALLOWED  
11 TO GET ALL OF THE REPORTS, BUT WHAT WE CAN DO IS CONTACT  
12 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES AND THEY CAN FIND OUT EXACTLY THE  
13 STATUS, WHETHER OR NOT -- WHERE YOUR CHILDREN ARE OR WHETHER  
14 OR NOT THEY, FOR SOME REASON, YOUR RIGHTS HAVE BEEN  
15 TERMINATED, BUT WE CAN'T TELL THAT, BUT THEY CAN FIND OUT.  
16 SOME OF OUR STAFF CAN FIND OUT FROM CHILDREN AND FAMILY  
17 SERVICES, BECAUSE YOU SEE, WE DON'T GO INTO THE COURT. WERE  
18 YOU PRESENT IN THE COURT WHEN THEY HEARD YOUR CASE?

19

20 **MELA MASRESHA:** WAS I WHAT?

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WERE YOU PRESENT IN COURT WHEN THEY HEARD  
23 THE CASE REGARDING THE CHILDREN?

24

25 **MELA MASRESHA:** THIS CASE HAS BEEN IN COURT FOR THREE YEARS.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HAVE YOU BEEN TO COURT DURING THAT TIME?

3

4 **MELA MASRESHA:** I'VE BEEN TO COURT. BUT I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT  
5 COURT. COURT IS NOT THE ISSUE HERE.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, THE CHILDREN'S COURT IS THE ONLY ONE  
8 WHO CAN MAKE A DETERMINATION OF WHETHER OR NOT YOU HAVE YOUR  
9 CHILDREN. DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?

10

11 **MELA MASRESHA:** YEAH, BUT I HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY TO THAT.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

14

15 **MELA MASRESHA:** YOU GO TO COURT, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO HAVE AN  
16 ATTORNEY. I WAS APPOINTED SOMEBODY AND THE PERSON, HIS NAME IS  
17 ON PAPERWORK, BUT IF THE ATTORNEY DOESN'T DO ANYTHING, THERE  
18 IS NO REPRESENTATION. THE COURT IS A COUNTY COURT. YOU ARE THE  
19 COUNTY SUPERVISORS. THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY  
20 SERVICES IS A COUNTY AGENCY. YOU ARE SUPERVISING THE COURT AND  
21 THE D.C.F.S. AND YOU'RE TELLING ME YOU CAN'T DO NOTHING? WHY  
22 ARE YOU CALLED SUPERVISORS?

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24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. WE'LL JUST LET YOU TALK TO  
25 THIS PERSON OVER HERE.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THIS IS OVER.

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4 **MELA MASRESHA:** WAIT A MINUTE. ONE MORE THING.

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6 **MICHAEL GARDLEY:** THE KIDS' LAWYER MOVED OVER TO HER LAWYER  
7 DEPARTMENT AND THEY DIDN'T TELL HER THAT THEY DID THAT. THEN  
8 WHEN LEVINE'S OFFICE CALLED, ASSEMBLY MEMBER LEVINE'S OFFICE  
9 CALLED TO SEE WHERE THE LAWYER WAS. THAT LAWYER TOLD HER,  
10 AFTER GOING TO COURT FIVE OR SIX TIMES ALREADY, THAT HE  
11 REFUSED TO GO TO COURT FOR HER AGAIN BECAUSE HER CHILDREN'S  
12 LAWYER IS NOW WORKING FOR HIS DEPARTMENT AND BEEN THEN WORKING  
13 FOR HIS DEPARTMENT FOR OVER SEVEN OR EIGHT MONTHS.

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15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SOMEONE OVER HERE FROM CHILDREN  
16 AND FAMILY SERVICE WILL TALK TO YOU AND TRY AND GET ALL THE  
17 FACTS STRAIGHT.

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19 **MELA MASRESHA:** WE'RE NOT HERE TO TALK TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
20 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES -- [ OVERLAPPING VOICES ]

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU  
23 VERY MUCH. THANK YOU. OKAY. JUST MAKE YOUR POINT -- SIR? OKAY,  
24 SIR? OKAY. LET ME TELL YOU, I'M GOING TO ASK YOU TO LEAVE THE



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1     PODIUM. WOULD YOU MIND? YOU'VE TERMINATED. I'M NOT THREATENING  
2     YOU.

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4     **SPEAKER:** (OFF-MIKE) .

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6     **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT.

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8     **SPEAKER:** (OFF-MIKE) . YOU'RE NOT GOING TO LISTEN TO US, THOUGH.  
9     (OFF-MIKE) .

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11    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE HAVE BEEN LISTENING TO YOU.

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13    **SPEAKER:** YOU'RE NOT LISTENING. L.A.P.D. PULLING OUT GUNS ON  
14    US... (OFF-MIKE) . (CONTINUES TALKING OFF-MIKE) . (YELLING) .

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16    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE ANYONE ELSE?

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18    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,  
19    NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL  
20    CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NUMBER CS-1,  
21    CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE  
22    TO LITIGATION, ONE CASE; ITEM CS-2, CONSIDERATION OF  
23    DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS, ITEM NUMBER CS-3,  
24    CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS WILLIAM T. FUJIOKA  
25    AND HAMMES COMPANY WITH RESPECT TO MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.



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1 HARBOR HOSPITAL WILL BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO MAY 20TH, 2008.  
2 PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL HOLD A  
3 SPECIAL MEETING TO HEAR TESTIMONY RELATING TO THE 2008/2009  
4 PROPOSED BUDGET ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 7TH, 2008, AT 9:30 A.M. THE  
5 NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY  
6 13TH, 2008. THANK YOU.

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13 related to any party to the said action; nor

14 in anywise interested in the outcome thereof.

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